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WHAT THE FAMINE STOLE FROM IRELAND



PROLOGUE

American journeys

*Too long a sacrifice
Can make a stone of the heart.*

W.B. Yeats

In *The Emigrants*, Max von Sydow and Liv Ullmann, playing a young married couple, flee hunger and a cruel social system in 19th-century Sweden, their aim to settle in a paradise they've heard of, called Minnesota.

I saw *The Emigrants* in first release in 1971, and so crammed was it with knotty humanity and perfectly lighted snow and skin, that parts of it today seem to me more memory than memory of a movie. Among its powerful moments is a farewell scene that takes place on the grassy lane leading to von Sydow's parents' stony farm, where the young couple has taken temporary refuge before leaving for America.

The American journey was forever in those days, and so this is in some sense a deathbed scene in which everyone slowly fades away within sun-splashed sight of one another: the aged man and woman standing by their hut; the handsome young couple lurching in the horse-drawn wagon toward the gate, their children beside them.

Maybe it takes an endless minute. During the first 30 seconds or so, the camera jumps back and forth from one couple to the other, catching faces stricken with fear and horror. But then, as though it discovers that it, too, can't take any more of this, the camera goes to stand quietly beside the old folks. And so we stand there, too, and watch Liv and Max turn and turn again, like hooked trout, turning for the last time, and then a moment later again for a last last time, straining, such a look of fierceness on their faces that it finally hits us—the *anger*. How else, after all, are

you to look back at a place that is homeland and yet so mean that it casts you out without offering even the slimmest of post-Edenic happinesses, the chance to provide?

My grandmother Miriam Rand was 14 years old when she became angry enough that she walked away from her doomed family and her doomed village in the backwaters of the doomed Austrian empire, and headed alone for America, where she intended to become a fashion designer. I've heard many stories about Grandma Miriam, but none satisfactorily explains how in

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that place she came from, in the house she was raised in, she not only discovered that there was a profession called fashion design but came to imagine that she could enter it.

She never did (and the von Sydow-Ullmanns don't find Paradise in St. Paul, either, by the way), and this became another fixed sadness in her life, like being born a Jew in a place that didn't want Jews, like the brief and hopeful American romance with a rich man's son that ended badly, and the long marriage to my feckless grandfather which endured similarly, and the corner store that went bust in the De-

pression, and the neighbors' floors she subsequently scrubbed for a dollar, and the parents she brought to America who found it not to their taste and returned to their familiar Ukrainian ghetto and ended in the common ditch in 1942, and the brother who crawled away from that massacre but could never wash the blood away and died in a straightjacket. By the time I came along, her first grandchild, Grandma Miriam was as bitter and proud and scornful as Hecuba, and I was the only one who didn't know it, and so she came to love me without reserve.

I loved her, too, but that was the extent of it. What could a woman like that tell a child? Then I became a teenager, and she died before I began to think clearly again, before I could learn what she knew that I should know. I'm told that in her last moments she woke to ask for her shoes, and who can blame her for being in a hurry to get away?

Strangely, for she was a person who disdained diversion of all sorts, one of my strongest memories of early childhood is of being at the movies with her. It was a fifties Western: horses, Indians, cavalry, whining bullets, flaming arrows, parched lips, cries of the wounded, my fear, Jujubes, and Grandma's silent, stalwart presence beside me in the dark. Why were we there? I now wonder. Had she mistakenly chosen that movie for my sake? Or, knowing I was too young to report anything, had she dared to choose for a 13-year-old girl who did not yet know exile?

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LETTERS

WE BAND OF BROTHERS

The men of the Talented Tenth ["Brothers," by Bruce Morgan, Fall 1995] are an inspiration to all of us, male or female, black or white or Hispanic or Asian, who are searching for direction and community. Figuring out who you are, where you are going, what you stand for—these things do not come easy, and they do not come from the outside. They come from reflection, from believing in yourself and your brothers and sisters. Clearly we all do not, could not, belong to the Talented Tenth, but I would bet that there is more than a little of the Talented Tenth in all of us, waiting to break free. Watch out when we all get there. Well done!

MICHAEL DUPEE '90

Williston, Vermont

I can identify with the feelings expressed in Bruce Morgan's article. As the only black person in many of the classes I took, I felt an added responsibility to succeed. Like the brothers, I did not relish the role of educator or spokesperson for the black race that was often thrust on me.

Unfortunately, this aspect of American life has continued into the workplace. It annoys me because African Americans are not a monolithic group. No one person can presume or should be asked to be the spokesperson.

I would admonish the members of the Talented Tenth not to be so caught up in the pursuit of the "badges of success" that they forget their responsibility to nurture and mentor black children. I once heard Johnetta Cole, president of Spelman College, address a gathering of black professionals. She said, "In order for us to get where we are today,

somebody scrubbed somebody's floor." In the black community, there has always been a history of doing what's necessary to uplift the next generation. As mentioned in the article, it appears that some of the Talented Tenth are already doing this. By remembering this responsibility, they will do their part to ensure that places like BC change from a homogeneous to a culturally diverse environment.

CAROLYN E. DAVIS '84

Woburn, Massachusetts

As the husband of a BC alumna, I usually thumb through the alumni magazine and occasionally read an article or two in each issue. I have never read anything in the magazine—and seldom elsewhere—that has moved me as much as "Brothers."

There remains a substantial amount of idealism in our society, and a liberal-arts university like Boston College contributes markedly to fostering those ideals. Far too often, however, those ideals are shoved to the background while we deal with the practical matters of everyday existence. The visions of W.E.B. Du Bois, as propounded in his concept of the Talented Tenth, are not merely ideals; they have a practical aspect, which the "brothers" portrayed in the story turned into a thriving reality.

As a career military officer, I have seen at close hand the dynamic impact that goal-oriented, successful young black women and men can have on their peers. They are positive role models for the less well motivated and serve as beacons, lighting the path to success. Their example and enthusiasm are contagious. Members of the Talented Tenth appear to have ventured down a

comparable path. I am very impressed and made hopeful by their achievements.

A military career isn't for everyone, nor should the military be the predominant segment of the society that performs this role. The Talented Tenth appears to have created a mechanism by which society as a whole can benefit. Like Newman Clubs or sororities and fraternities, the Talented Tenth, as created at BC, has the capacity to become a fixture on university campuses across the nation—perpetuating Du Bois' ideals in the same fashion that BC's band of brothers has done.

RICHARD J. TONER

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FURTHER DETAILS

Gary Gilbert's stunning photos of the St. Patrick Window ["In the details"] made the Fall issue a collector's item. John Ombelets' accompanying text was appropriately brief: the photos speak for themselves. But since reference was made to my recent monograph, "St. Patrick in Gasson Hall," I must acknowledge my indebtedness to Virginia Raguin of the College of the Holy Cross for her expert analysis and attestation to the quality of the St. Patrick Window. Professor Raguin is national director of the Census of Stained Glass Windows in America.

CHARLES F. DONOVAN, SJ, '33

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LINDEN LANE

FAME

While 60 million look on, the marching band gets its one hour and 90 seconds

For the BC Marching Band, Thanksgiving Day began in the early hours of a Secaucus, New Jersey, morning, when a groggy set of uniformed musicians, dancers, color guard members and drum majors—156 in all—left a hotel in the dark and boarded five buses that growled through the Lincoln Tunnel and along almost-deserted city streets to a site near 34th Street and Broadway.

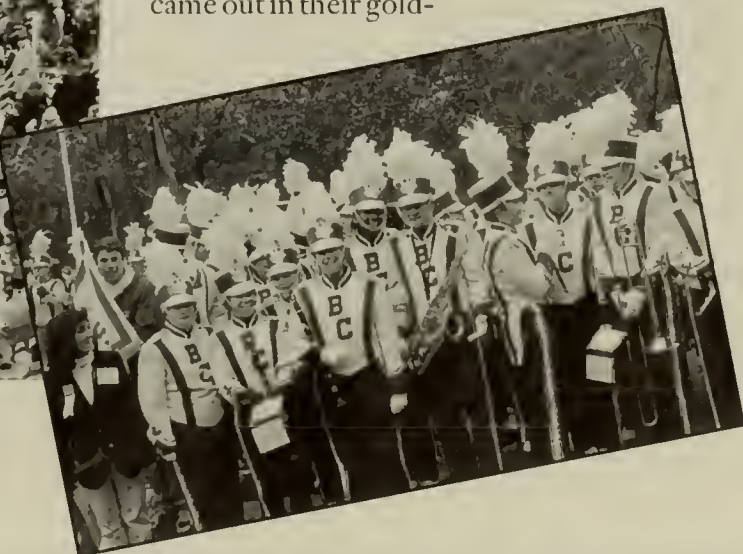
Nearby, in Herald Square, in the heart of the chilled, dark and sleeping city, NBC had created a patch of glaring white light, a rehearsal space for the 13 bands from across the country that had been selected to march in Macy's 71st annual Thanksgiving Day Parade. As a handful of television technicians watched and as the minutes moved toward sunrise, one band after another stepped forward in bright full regalia and ran through the tune and maneuvers it had prepared for its moment on the country's best-known black-top stage.

Notes bounced off the walls of the silent office buildings, drum majors tossed their batons at the stars, and New York City cops sipped from steaming paper cups.

"Surreal," recalled Shelagh Abate '97, leader of the French horn section. "Spooky," said drummer Frank Colagiovanni '96. And cold. The temperature hit the 24-hour low of 32 degrees just as the BC dancers came out in their gold-



Street theater—The Screaming Eagles high-step into Columbus Circle beneath the Jordan Marsh mascot; (right) joking away the preparade jitters in Central Park.



sequined miniskirts and the band lit into Director Sebastian Bonaiuto's arrangement of "Something's Coming" from *West Side Story*.

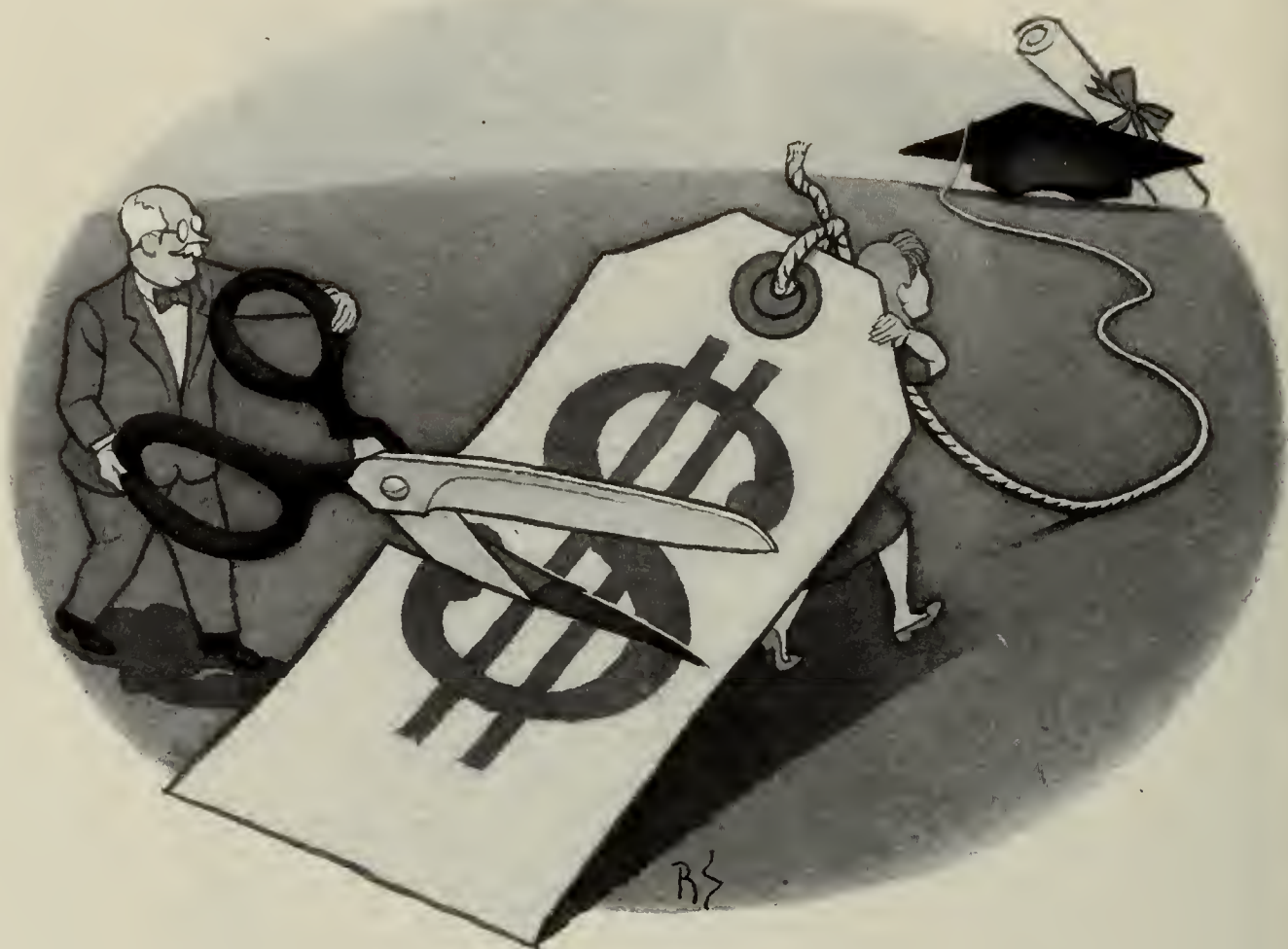
The night in sooty Secaucus, the 1:45 a.m. wake-up call and the frosty rehearsal were the price the Screaming Eagles paid for a chance to play before a live international television audience estimated at 60 million. And they paid gladly. Most often associated with athletics, especially football, the band's music is often lost in the halftime din. "But here," said Bonaiuto, "it will be just the band. We were chosen on our own merit." In fact, the Eagles, who had never before participated in the Thanksgiving Day tradition, were solicited by parade officials and selected from among 250 high school and college bands.

Following their dance in the dark and a deli breakfast, band members settled in at the parade assembly area in Central Park, waiting to be called. That call came at 10 a.m., and for the next hour, while Eben the bear, the Jordan Marsh mascot, hovered above, the Eagles marched and played a selection of BC fight songs.

From the band's perspective, the two-and-a-half-mile parade was a blur of shouts, cheers, hand waves, rhythmic stamping, and thudding bass drums. The crowd along the route was more than adequately peppered with spectators attired in BC sweatshirts and jackets, and at least two office buildings were festooned with BC banners.

Suddenly, or so it seemed, it was time to step in front of the television cameras in Herald Square. True to Bonaiuto's doleful prediction, Willard Scott, the madly affable "Today" show weatherman, stumbled over the band leader's surname. While 60 million watched, anchorwoman Katie Couric corrected him. And 90 seconds later it was over.

John Ombelets



ROB SAUNDERS

CUTTING EDGE

Productivity study takes aim at tuition increases

Boston College has assembled a task force that will find ways to increase administrative productivity and efficiency with an overall goal of reducing costs and slowing tuition growth. Called Project Delta, the study will examine all of BC's business processes, its personnel policies and the ways in which advances in information technology can lead to cost cutting and improved service to students and their parents. Organizational consultants from IBM will work on the project with BC staff.

"We need to change managerially if we are to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves to be among the best universities in the nation," University President J. Donald Monan, SJ, told the 24 BC staff members who are leading Project Delta. Fr. Monan said that although a number of colleges are currently engaged in

restructuring efforts, they are doing so under financial duress. Boston College, he said, "is in a unique position of being able to act from strength, to determine our own standards of excellence."

What makes Project Delta imperative at this time, said Executive Vice President Frank Campanella, is the growing discrepancy between the cost of a BC education and the ability of families to meet that cost.

In an interview with *Chronicle*, BC's faculty and staff newspaper [see story, opposite], Campanella said, "Two-thirds of our revenues are from tuition, and our [financial] commitments are driving up costs faster than tuition can reasonably be raised to cover them. In fact, according to one projection, if we and the economy stay on the current track, we will reach an annual tuition cost of \$32,960 by 2005—equivalent to 65 percent of median family income.

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Campanella, who chairs Project Delta, said that BC had recently entered a sphere of competition that includes the most highly endowed institutions in the country. "If we are going to continue to be successful, we need to be more adept, more imaginative and more flexible with our resources than anyone else in the marketplace. I believe we can do it. I also believe we have no choice."

Campanella told task-force members that no fiscal or personnel goals have yet been set for Project Delta, "but the reinvention of the University, which is what we're about, obviously will involve reductions." In his interview with *Chronicle*, Campanella pledged that there would be no sacred cows in administrative departments and that "every function or way of doing business that BC pays for [will] be studied and improved under Project Delta."

Delta force

How to reinvent a university (and why)

The following was edited from an interview with Executive Vice President Frank Campanella, which appeared in "Chronicle," a BC publication for faculty and staff.

What are the goals of Project Delta?

Campanella: To make BC the best-managed university in the country is the ultimate objective. In order to accomplish this, we must increase productivity and improve customer service. For example, because of the particular way we now manage things at BC, it costs us a certain amount to provide a student meal, to register a student for a course, to solicit a fund-raising dollar, to mail a letter. Project Delta is going to redesign our business processes in order to make sure they are as efficient as we can make them, that we are using information technology and people to the best effect.

Why are we doing this now, when we appear to be in a strong financial position?

Because it's clear that if we don't begin now, from strength, we're going to have to do it down the road from a position of fiscal weakness. Two-thirds of our revenues are from tuition, and our commitments are driving up costs faster than tuition can reasonably be raised to cover them. In fact, according to one projection, if we and the economy stay on the current track, we will reach an annual tuition cost of \$32,960 by 2005—equivalent to 65 percent of median family income. That is simply not feasible.

During the 1980s Boston College tuition increased at an average annual rate of 11 percent. Next year we are looking at a tuition increase of no more than 5 percent. Look around at other major institutions. We have nothing but compassion for MIT and Northeastern and the University of Rochester and all the other institutions where people are going through the agony of enforced, broad and draconian cuts in programs and people. But we choose not to walk that path.

BC's endowment stands at \$500 million. Can't that provide the financial support the University needs?

Two problems. In the first place, one-third of our endowment has restrictions on its use that are set by the donors, and if the donor said, for example, that the endowment income is to go to financial aid for students from St. Margaret's Parish only, that's where it goes. The other two-thirds, which we call a quasi endowment, satisfies the University's long-standing financial objective to have sufficient reserves to offset fully our long-term debt. So for us, having the quasi endowment is like having enough in the bank to pay the credit card should that become necessary. The trustees and

upper administration—not to mention our bond-rating agencies—agree that this is the responsible thing to do.

The second problem is that, amazing as it may seem, \$500 million, no matter its composition, is not a sufficient endowment for an institution of our size. The most recent figures on endowment income per undergraduate student place us at \$1,810, compared with \$7,550 per student at Dartmouth, \$4,470 at Notre Dame and \$2,800 at Holy Cross. At Princeton, endowment income per undergraduate student is an extraordinary \$26,600. Tuitions at those schools are roughly the same as ours, but they obviously have thousands of extra dollars in endowment income that they can use to improve each student's experience. And we're competing with every one of those schools, which means we had better be using our resources better than any of them.

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Is there a dollar or personnel goal attached to the cost reductions?

Not today. It's important that we arrive at goals through careful study of what is possible, rather than by shooting from the hip today.

Will there be layoffs?

At 46 percent of the budget, salaries and benefits are our largest single cost element. Layoffs, however, would obviously be a last resort after consideration is given to retraining, early retirement and normal attrition.

Are any other universities involved in similar projects?

So far as we know—and we've asked and looked—no. Some are undergoing traumatic reorganization because of financial problems, and you can read about those in the paper every day. Others are tinkering with some of their processes. But I don't know of any college that's looking at improving all the ways in which it does business, and, more importantly, doing it from a position of strength.

THE PIED PIPER OF DEVLIN

Eric Strauss has made a powerful art of teaching science

Shot on the Barnstable dunes, the footage is grainy with dawn light but powerful. Antlers can be heard clicking over the students' bushed breathing.

To anyone wandering the basement of Devlin, Bio 100 sounds like a party in full swing, with Bonnie Raitt's husky voice ringing out over a sound system. Inside, about 300 students are settling into the steeply banked auditorium seats, while down front Eric Strauss, a cordless mike clipped to his shirt, arranges slides on a tabletop, chats with passing students, strides over and cranks the dials on the stereo, and prepares to preside over a course whose enrollment he has managed to quadruple in four years.

An introductory class for non-science majors, Bio 100 was enrolling about 180 students when Strauss joined the faculty in 1991.

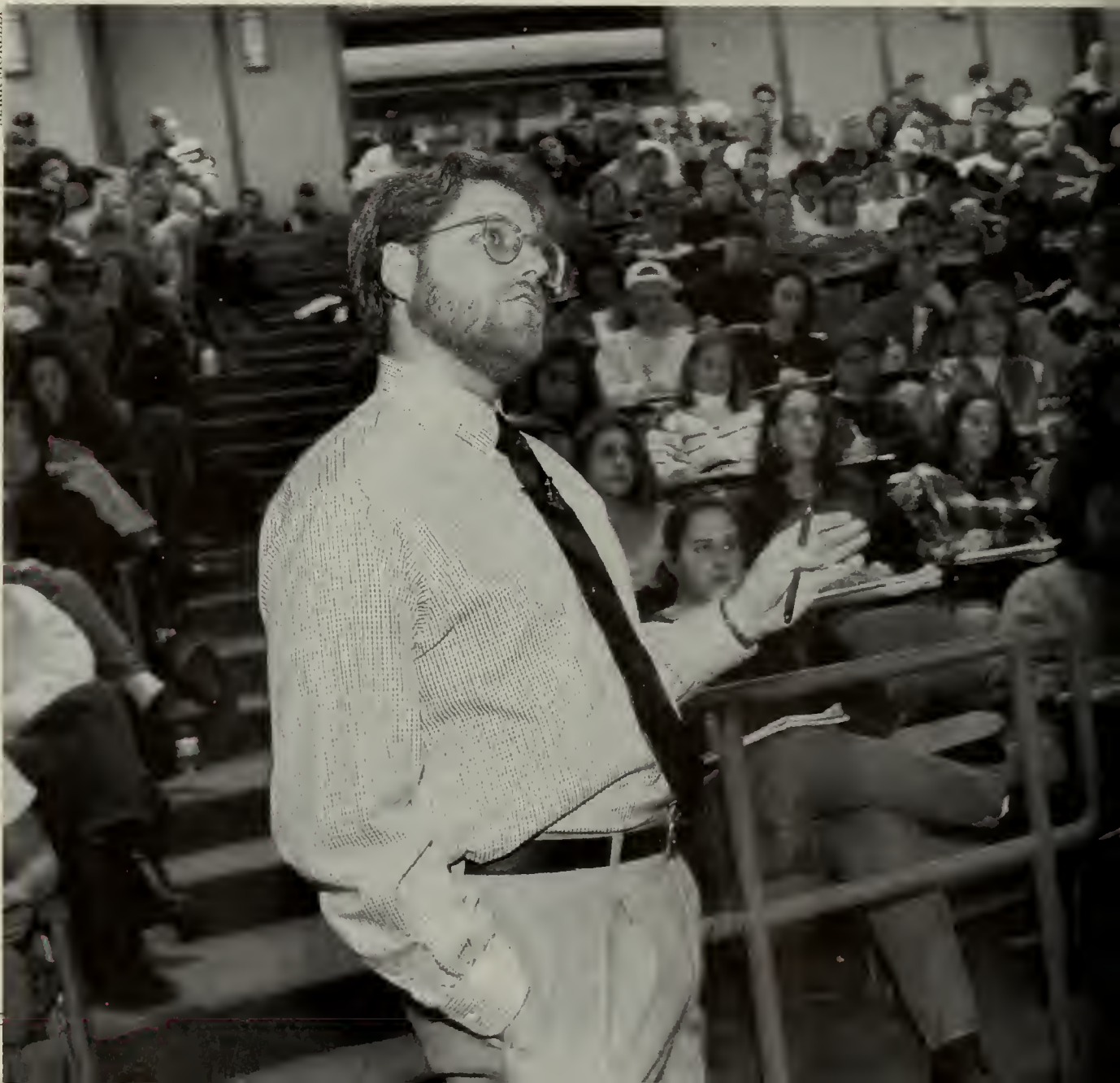
This year enrollment stands at 800, with 600 in the two sections Strauss teaches. Biology Chairman William Petri says the explanation for the surge is simple: Strauss is "a gifted teacher who's able to make full use of multimedia resources which are beautifully integrated into his lectures."

At a time when enrollment in science is on the wane nationally, Eric Strauss, 35, wants to make his field irresistible. "After all," he says, "biology is intrinsically interesting to students. It's about them and about life." In the classroom he draws on science (he earned his doctorate in biology from Tufts) and art (his bachelor's degree is in mass communications, and he hosted a radio show

for three years while in college). To win students to science, Strauss uses every sexy tool he can lay hands on: computer imagery, laser discs, slides, film and video, weaving them together with unexpected darts of humor.

At 6'3" and 235 pounds, Strauss is a dominant figure in the auditorium, controlling every nanosecond of class time. He bounds among his enthusiasms, now imitating an injured dog by hobbling comically across the room, now warning the intently scribbling students that the material they've been discussing will appear on the midterm. He is exquisitely attuned to moments when a bit of comic relief might perk up ears

MARK MORELLI



Weird science—Eric Strauss' eclectic brand of multimedia teaching is drawing droves of liberal-arts majors to introductory biology.

or sharpen students' grasp of cloudy material.

"There's a performance aspect to my teaching," Strauss says. "But I take biology very seriously. I try to pace the class so that students get a bolus of information, then a story, then maybe some heavy conceptual stuff, followed by another story."

In the middle of a discussion of cell division, Strauss detours to describe what he found waiting for him this fall at the post office after he'd been out of town a while. "They brought out a tub," Strauss relates, holding his arms out in front of him and lowering them slowly with a "Boom!" at the end of the motion. Where he's headed—now that he's got everyone's attention—is to the contents of the tub, which included, by his recounting, 16 catalogs, including one from L.L. Bean.

"You order boots from L.L. Bean," he continues, "and when they arrive, what's the first thing you see? Not the boots, but the box. Boxing and shipping are arguably more important than the product. And that's the role of the Golgi complex—packaging and handling hazardous waste within the cell." Even a student half dozing in the backrow would have trouble forgetting that analogy.

Strauss says his greatest thrill is knocking down the walls that separate scientists from students and students from the natural world. With his high-school biology teacher, Strauss spent his teens studying endangered turtles on his native Cape Cod. Now he invites BC students down to the Cape field research station where he has studied animal behavior and environmental issues for two decades. Every weekend last fall a half dozen or so camped out in the 16-room house Strauss grew up in, which he and his wife now share with his mother.

Sometimes the field research richly fuels the teaching. Last fall Strauss' class had been discussing reproductive strategy and its influence on animal behavior when, by chance, students videotaped two white-tailed deer butting heads. Strauss played the tape in class—five minutes of bucks fighting for sexual access to the females of the herd. Shot on the dunes in Barnstable, Massachusetts, the footage was grainy with dawn light but powerful. Antlers clicked over the students' hushed breathing. "I've been sitting in blinds for 17 years and have never seen anything like this," Strauss told the class.

"Science is about being in the world," he says later, "but when we go to teach, we often strip away all that is beautiful about the act of discovery and just give the facts. You need to have something to grab students as soon as they walk through the door. I can't bring a live tiger into the room, but . . ."

Bruce Morgan



HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

Yes, this is another story about someone who in his spare time worked up a screenplay and has since become wealthier than you and has quit his day job. This time it's Dennis Yanno, who teaches business law part-time in CSOM and who one day during President Clinton's 1994 trip to Martha's Vineyard lay on one of the island's beaches and thought: What if terrorists cut off the island and kidnapped the First Family? Universal Studios bought the idea, somewhat embellished by Yanno and a collaborator (First Lady and daughter are kidnapped; President escapes to golf course; hooks up with vacationing ex-Marine), for \$300,000, with an additional \$300,000 to follow if the movie is ever produced. That promise, however distant, emboldened Yanno to leave his law practice. Titled "No Safe Haven," the screenplay is the second by Yanno and his partner. The first was a romantic comedy titled "Banca's Raviolis"—which was good enough to earn them an agent who told them that the money was in action flicks.





PEN PALS

The competition is very intense in the B's. Sometimes we're next to Boston College, and they're swamped, and people borrow our pens."—*The director of admissions at Beaver College, in Glenside, Pennsylvania, describing college admission fairs in the "Chronicle of Higher Education"*

FULL-DISCLOSURE CRITICISM

The all-female a cappella group [BC Sharps] dominated the night's performances with their wide range of music. Their set began with the popular 'Here and Now' by Letters to Cleo. Laural Bernini ['98] dazzled the audience with her clear and powerful voice, even during that really fast part that no one understands."—"Heights" review of this year's a cappella song festival at BC

IT'S ONLY FICTION

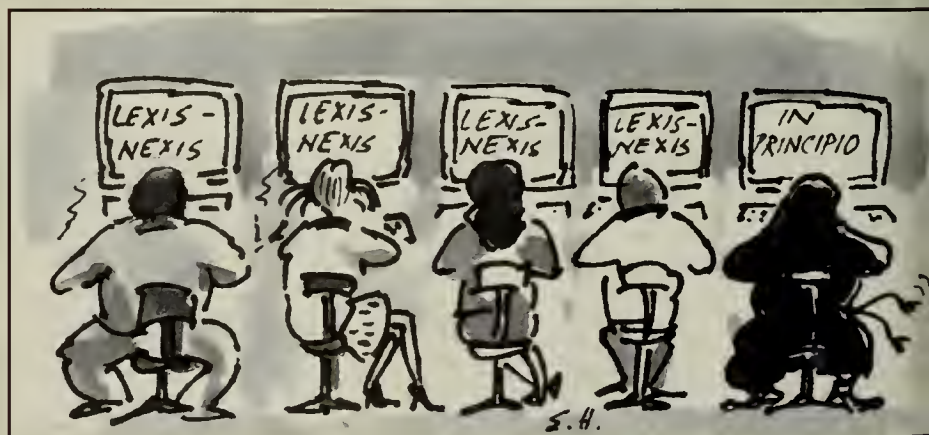
Among the works unlikely to make Academic Vice President Fr. William Neenan's annual dean's list of recommended reading, is Alice Hoffman's novel *Practical Magic*. It contains this sentence: "She'll probably spend most of her time studying, since she needs to get into a school somewhere in the Boston area, Boston College, maybe, or, if she can get her grades up, Brandeis." For the record, 66 percent of BC freshmen graduated in the top 10 percent of their high-school classes, compared with 48 percent of Brandeis freshmen, according to the most recent college issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

NOTED

- "Upbuilding Dialog As Organization Ethics Method: Kierkegaard Triple-Loop Action-Learning"—title of an article by CSOM's Richard Nielsen that will be published in *Organization Science*
- 122—the number of graduates from among 8,230 recently surveyed by the Alumni Records office who reported "negative" or "very negative" feelings about BC

ON BASE

According to database-usage figures from the O'Neill Library, the Lexis-Nexis site received the most attention from Boston College library users in 1994-95, averaging 3,412 inquiries a month. Psyclit, a repository of scholarly writings on psychology, was next most popular, with 1,256 monthly hits, closely followed by Dow Jones with 1,130. Of the 31 databases charted in the report, the least used were HAPI—Hispanic Americans Periodicals Index—with five uses per month; followed by an index of works by Thomas Aquinas, with three queries; and In Principio, an index of Latin texts, with an average of one use each month.





Jane Jacobs visited BC in December (inset) to donate her papers—at least those that survived what she called her “war on paper.” Photographs in the collection depict some of Jacobs’ other battles.

RARE GIFT

Jane Jacobs donates her personal archives

Legendary urbanologist Jane Jacobs, who made her name in the 1950s battling raze-and-build planners in New York City, has given her papers to the Burns Library. At a December ceremony hosted by the library and the Carroll School of Management, Jacobs donated film and audio recordings, copies of all her published works, newspaper and magazine clippings, manuscripts, letters and photographs.

Jacobs, 79, has lived in Toronto for the past 20 years with her husband, Bob, an architect. Celebrated for her provocative and commonsensical views on social issues, she is the author of five books, including the 1961 classic *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, which began: “This book is an attack on current city planning and rebuilding.”

Jacob’s relationship to BC began in 1978, when Richard Keeley, today a CSOM dean, invited her to speak to students in PULSE, an undergraduate academic program that links philosophy and theology study with social-action fieldwork. “Her books,” he said, “helped PULSE students make sense of the neighborhoods in which they worked. We’d used them for years.”

But Jacobs was wary of academic settings, where her ideas had been coldly received initially because she did not have a college diploma. She declined Keeley’s invitation and his subsequent invitations for eight years, when she allowed him to visit her home. Recalled Keeley, “We hit it off.” Jacobs’ first visit to BC came in 1987. Most recently she returned in 1993 for a two-day symposium

called “Jane Jacobs in Conversation,” which drew hundreds and, said Keeley, “gave her the feeling that there were people here who cared deeply about her work.”

The December ceremony took place in conjunction with a small exhibition of materials from her archives. Archly included was a terse letter from the late Robert Moses, the New York City development czar whose work Jacobs consistently opposed. Writing to Random House publisher Bennet Cerf shortly after *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* came out, Moses called the book “intemperate and inaccurate [and] also libelous,” and suggested that publication be withdrawn. The book has been in print ever since and was reissued in 1993 in a Modern Library edition.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry has received a three-year, \$400,000 grant from Philadelphia’s Connelly Foundation to support an ongoing scholarship program for Catholic educators and ministers from the Delaware Valley who wish to study at IREPM. More than 120 individuals have participated in the program since it was formed with a \$200,000 grant from the foundation in 1992. The new gift will also enable the institute to develop an extension program in the Delaware Valley next fall.

STATESMAN

Marc Snapper, an assistant professor of chemistry, has been named a 1996 Breast Cancer Scholar by a Massachusetts program that aims to encourage research by promising young scientists. One of 19 award winners, Snapper received a \$60,000 grant from the state Department of Public Health. The award will allow him to expand his laboratory’s search for more efficient variants of taxol, a drug used to treat cancer patients.



CHARACTER STUDY

BC has been cited in the annual John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges. The list, which included 124 institutions this year, is meant to serve as a guide for prospective students, their families and guidance counselors, according to the foundation’s director, investor John M. Templeton Jr. The selected institutions, he says, are “taking the important steps to make character development an integral part of the campus experience.” Yale and Notre Dame were among the other schools chosen for 1995-96. This is BC’s fourth appearance on the list since it was first issued in 1989.

My cousin, Deanna

A girl who never cleaned her room becomes
the "teenager found murdered"

BY REGINA HANSEN

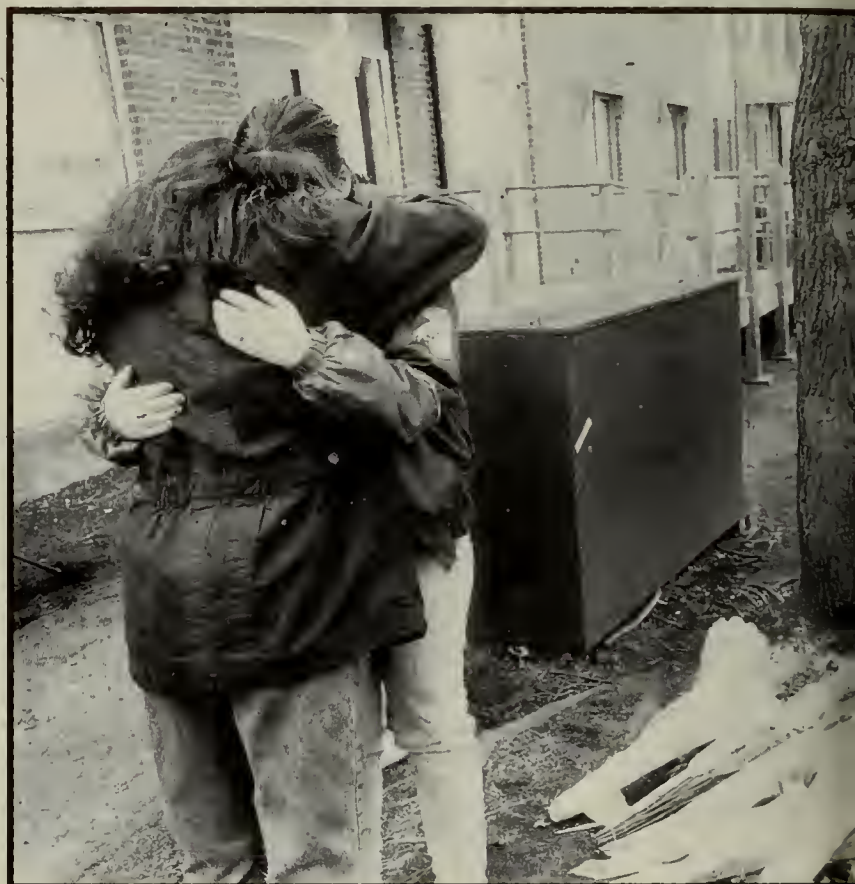
They find her on Thursday, March 30, 1995, a teenage girl, strangled to death, her partially nude body left in a heap behind an apartment building just blocks from her home in Somerville, Massachusetts. Later that day, seven-year-old Mark Cremin sits on the floor of his grandparents' house, playing army men with his cousin Christopher. "Is she the one that's dead?" Christopher asks, pointing to a photograph on the mantel—a pretty blonde girl with large blue eyes, wearing a white party dress. "Yeah," Mark tells the boy matter-of-factly. "My sister got murdered. She got stabbed and shot to death." Mark's facts are wrong, but already the boys intuit how this girl will be remembered: as "the victim," "Somerville teenager found murdered."

Deanna Cremin was 17 when they discovered her body. She left behind a messy closet, a room full of stuffed animals, and the \$100 she had saved to buy a dress for the junior prom. Deanna liked to bake chocolate-chip cookies, although they didn't always come out right. She was worried about finishing her project for child-development class, couldn't wait to get her driver's license.

"She'll never get married now," says Deanna's 13-year-old brother, Albert, when his aunt comes to tell the family that the body the police have found is definitely Deanna. Albert watches his mother collapse in grief; he sees his father's face grow hard with anger. "Deanna will never go to college," Albert says. "She'll never have babies." Her cousin Matthew, 12, learns of the murder after school. "I don't want to kill the guy," he says, trying to reassure us. "I hope they catch him, but I don't want to kill him or anything."

Deanna was 17 when she became a murder victim, 17 when she became famous not for living but for the manner of her death. Deanna loved children, didn't mind baby-sitting, was training to work in a day-care center. She cared for her brothers like a second mother and mothered her friends as well.

Monday, April 3, the funeral Mass is held at St. Polycarp's Church. Fr. Doyle—an old man, older since he received this task—prays over Deanna's casket, solemnly shaking the incense vessel, first forward and back,



then side to side in the sign of the cross. A cloud of incense rises toward the church's painted ceiling. "I saw her soul rising," Mark says after the funeral. "I saw her soul rising to heaven."

It's November 15; eight months have passed. The press has found other stories, the police other crimes to occupy them. I cook dinner for Albert, who sits at the kitchen table asking questions. "What does an embalmer do?" he wants to know. "What happens when a body decomposes?" I tell him that our bodies become grass and flowers and trees and that the spirit, the part that makes us human, flies up to heaven. "Just like the incense over a casket," I could add but don't. Albert tells me about a girl he knows from school, who was almost strangled by her boyfriend in an argument. "The boy was really mad at her," Albert tells me. We never mention Deanna.

There's no way for me to end Deanna's story, not yet.

The case is unsolved. More than eight months since her death, she's still well known—not as a person but as a victim. Just as Deanna's identity was forever defined by the way she died, so her death has become a part of her family's character. Whatever Albert does, whatever Mark becomes, from now on they are the murder victim's brothers. But they are also Deanna's brothers—brothers of the Deanna who burned cookies and didn't clean her room, who loved new clothes, whom every boy wanted to take to the prom.

In September the family holds a fund-raiser at an American Legion hall to endow a scholarship in Deanna's memory; it will benefit other Somerville High School students. People drink, talk, remember the past, remember Deanna. The restaurant is decorated with balloons, purple ones, which Mark collects in one big bunch and carries out to the parking lot. People smile to see him hoarding the balloons. He's still a little kid, his behavior seems to say, still greedy for pretty things, and that thought comforts us. Outside, Mark releases the balloons. "These are for you, Deanna," he says and watches them rise.

One more image. It's from last March. Deanna's wake is being held in one of the reposing

rooms at Cataldo's funeral home in Somerville, very near where she lived, even nearer where she died. Mourners are lined up out the door and around the corner. Outside, television cameras are everywhere, recording the spectacle that adheres to this early death. Inside, the room is hot and loud. There's no place left to sit, not even for family, so we seek respite at another wake in the building, where an old woman lies in state, attended only by her family. In the casket the woman's face is serene, beautiful. In one of her hands lies a rosary, and around her are photographs of children, grandchildren, friends. This woman's death wasn't mentioned on the news; we have to go to the front desk to learn her name. Mark looks down into the casket and asks her age. Someone says 80, maybe 85. Mark smiles. "At least someone made it," he says.

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CARE FULL

Freshman Cassandra Martin was one of 10 young adults to receive a 1995 National Caring Award from the Caring Institute in Washington, D.C. Chosen from 1,000 nominees, the Florida native won a \$2,000 scholarship and other prizes. She was recognized for performing 1,000 hours of volunteer work while in high school, directing a fund-raising campaign for an orphanage in Zambia and being a leader in school and civic organizations. At BC, Martin has joined the Bellarmine Law Academy, Democrats of Boston College and Circle K International. She also plans to volunteer at Boston hospices for AIDS patients.

PRIZE REPLICATION

A biology professor and his former doctoral student have been awarded the 1995 Chamasama Prize for the best research article published in the international journal *Chamasama*. Chester Stachaw and Zhiyi Han Ph.D.'93, were cited for an article about DNA replication mechanisms. Stachaw joined the BC faculty in 1969, after working in biochemical research for the Canadian government. Han is a research scientist at a biotechnology firm in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

LATIN BEAT

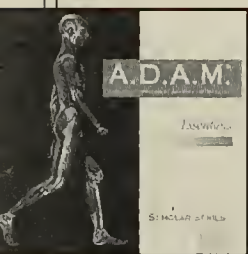
A six-course Latin-American studies minor was established this fall in the College of Arts and Sciences, drawing offerings from romance languages, black studies, economics, fine arts, history, political science, sociology, theology and the School of Education. The program also will sponsor speakers and events related to Latin-American issues. Associate Professor of Romance Languages Harry Rasser directs the new program.

LINDEN LANE

TEACHERS HONORED

Richard Hughes and Donald Hafner are recipients of the sixth annual teaching awards given by the BC chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Hughes was a member of the English faculty from 1955 until his retirement in 1994. He served two stints as department chairman and was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1969 to 1972, the only non-Jesuit ever to hold that post. Hafner joined BC's political science department in 1971 and directed the international studies minor last year.

SIM GRITTY



Some 3,000 students who study anatomy at BC each year will benefit from a new 48-station biology facility that

features computer-simulated dissections of animal and human cadavers. Expected to be up and running next fall, the new lab has been funded by a BC grant to Associate Professor Grant Balkema which has been matched by the National Science Foundation. "The computers and software offer learning opportunities you simply cannot get from a textbook," Balkema says. "If a picture is worth a thousand words, this animation is worth a million."

DEATHS

- James L. Monks, SJ, a member of the theology faculty from 1963 to 1970, on January 16, 1996, at age 91.
- Brian P. Lutch, senior associate dean at BC Law School since 1985, on December 14, 1995, at age 47.
- John P. Foley, SJ, dean of admission and dean of freshmen and sophomores from 1939 to 1951, on October 21, 1995, at age 91. ●

RESERVED ROOM

New law library gets right down to quiet business

With four floors, 202,000 volumes, 5,100 periodicals and 900,000 microforms, the new Law School library opened at 7:59 a.m. on January 9, when staffer Andrea Goldstein did something entirely unextraordinary. She pushed open the main doors. Without ceremony (one is planned for next fall) and within minutes, the library's first patron camped out on a maroon chair with two books he had borrowed: *Problems, Cases and Materials on Evidence* and *Federal Rules of Evidence*.

Informed of his celebrity status and asked also to be the first to compare the new building with

the old Kenny-Cottle Library, second-year student Robert Malione listed the many features the new building has that the old facility lacked: an atrium, rows of white study tables, windows, dent-free metal book stacks, bathrooms, and a heating system that effectively brought heat to cold places and removed it from overheated ones.

Not far away, another second-year student, Nicholas Kolokithas, had found a clean, well-lighted place and claimed it. Faculty research assistants and members of law reviews are entitled to reserve study carrels, and Kolokithas, who is on the Inter-

national Comparative Law Review, wasted no time in planting his laptop where he'd have a window view.

Downstairs three or four workers and a construction manager cruised by as silent as fish, toting ladders, tools and cleaning compounds. Over at the circulation desk Goldstein had already logged the library's first lost item—a three-inch binder of statutes on employment discrimination. She mused to no one in particular that the new library had yet to designate an official spot for lost and found, then placed the tome on an empty book cart.

PETE AND RICK

Two lives are celebrated together, as they were lived

Close friends say that Peter Hall and Richard Reece could draw strangers together just by walking into a room. On January 18 a memorial Mass for the two sophomores drew the hundreds who occupied the echoing spaces of St. Ignatius Church into a close and warm circle.

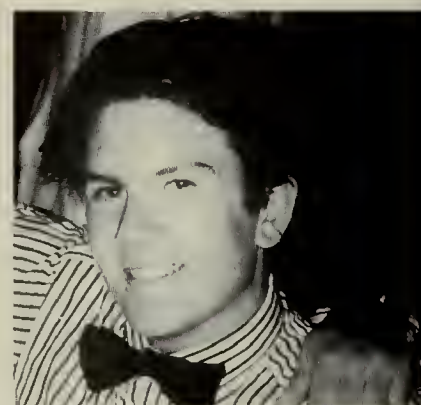
Inseparable friends who died on January 5 in an avalanche in the Idaho mountains, Reece and Hall inspired a service whose central theme was friendship, family and community. Those bonds



Richard Reece

were particularly evident in the prayers and recollections offered up by classmates and in the tearful hugs exchanged afterward; they were etched in the faces of members of both families who attended the service. "You were part of Peter's life; now you are part of his family's life," declared Abbot Nicholas Morcone, OSB, '62, one of Hall's cousins.

President J. Donald Monan, SJ, celebrated the memorial Mass, and more than a dozen of Hall and Reece's friends spoke, each bearing testimony to the strength of their bond. Early in the service four friends placed items representing the pair on a cloth-draped table at the front of the church: Ping-Pong paddles; a vest, an item that was ubiquitous in both their wardrobes; a bottle of spring water, which was what Reece constantly urged his friends to drink; and a hockey stick, representing the sport that brought them together 10 years ago, when both



Peter Hall

their families lived in Ketchum, Idaho.

As a last tribute, a group of friends stood before the altar while William Straw '98, and James Ocampo '98, groped for words. "They meant so much to us in so many ways that one person could never do them justice," Straw said. "Whenever they were around, all you ever did was smile or laugh." Ocampo, his voice thickening as he spoke, said that the duo defined friendship. "If you wanted to find Rick, all you had to do was find Pete, and vice versa."

Have a perceptive day

Depression's upside

By DAVID A. KARP

Sometimes respondents in my study initially displayed incomprehension when I asked, "Is there anything good about having depression?" They would ask in return, "What do you mean?" Of course, there is nothing good about depression, they must have been thinking. Even after I explained, as an example, that a substantial body of literature relates mental illness to creativity; that perhaps it was the madness of Vincent Van Gogh that generated his brilliant vision, or the vicious pain described by Sylvia Plath that made her poetry possible, some individuals flatly denied any benefits to depression. They were, however, a minority. Most people were not stumped by my question and had a ready answer.

Sometimes the answers bordered on elitism. Several felt that they had a deeper and more accurate picture of human nature and social life than happy people do. They subscribed to a kind of "bliss means ignorance" view and sometimes expressed disdain toward family and friends whose happiness they saw as built on a distortion of what the world is "really" like. Others viewed depression as the price paid for insights that were inaccessible to others. A woman whose first depression hit when she was an adolescent told me, "Somehow I felt that my depression made me better, that I was deeper. You know, sort of the tortured-artist type of thing. I wrote poetry while everyone was hanging out and playing." Another woman who got depressed at about the same age agreed that depression "meant I was a deeper person, that I was somehow special." A 48-year-old professor of English who analyzes poetry for a living answered my question by saying, "Well, I would use it as a justification almost. I have to accept this pain because of my insight. This is the price you pay for seeing more deeply into reality, or something like that."



The claim that depressed people sometimes see reality more accurately than others could have empirical merit. The source is now long gone from my memory, but some years ago I read about a laboratory experiment that impressed me. Two groups of subjects were used in the study. Those in one group had a history of diagnosed clinical depression and those in the second had, by all appearances, a healthy mental life. The individuals in each group were placed before a machine showing lights

blinking in an apparently random fashion. In front of the light board was a series of buttons, and the subjects were told to experiment with them to see if they could learn how to control the pattern of the blinking lights.

Like many laboratory experiments, this one was based on deception. Pushing the buttons could have no effect whatsoever on the lights. There was nevertheless a revealing difference in the reports of those in each group. The depressed subjects claimed that nothing they did had any effect on the pattern of the lights. The clinically normal subjects, on the

other hand, claimed that they had been able to exercise control over the pattern. While we should vigorously question the generalizability of such artificially created situations, at least in this case, depressed individuals had a more accurate perception of reality than healthy people. One respondent tried to make the same point with this comment: "What other people call depression I don't see as hopeless thinking. I think it's looking at things the way they really are."

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APOCALYPSE NO

BC defies the elements

An administrator writes:

On the morning of Tuesday, December 19, the day on which the arrival of the Greatly Anticipated Nor'easter of '95 was anticipated, my computer received the same e-mail message four times within two minutes, as though from a frantic wireless operator on the listing deck of the *Titanic*. It cried out: "THE FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, AND WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 20, WILL BE MAINTAINED REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS. WILLIAM B. NEENAN, S.J." Fr. Neenan is, of course, BC's academic vice president, and Tuesday and Wednesday

were the last days of the semester and of final exams, after which thousands of students would head off for long-anticipated encounters with airplanes, buses and the family Caravan. This made delay in the exam schedule unthinkable and necessitated Fr. Neenan's spine-stiffening message to the faculty who would be serving up and proctoring the exams. Why the message went out (and four times!) to this humble bureaucrat who hasn't seen a college exam in some years remains a mystery, although history does teach that class distinctions are among the first items jettisoned when the decks are awash and the bow starts to point skyward.

That we found ourselves in

this state of extremis nine hours before the first flake of the Greatly Anticipated Nor'easter was scheduled to fall was principally the doing of the weather prophets, who'd been frothing morning, noon and evenings at 11 for three days. Early on Monday morning I watched one forecaster make so excited by his own apocalyptic visions that he fell into a stutter, causing the anchorwoman beside him to glance sideways, where, I imagined, some burly assistant producer was standing by with a hypo of lithium should it be required. Two-foot-plus by morning was the reigning augury when I lay my head on the pillow on Tuesday evening. When I awoke at six, there was 10 inches on the ground, the snow had stopped, and ac-

cording to the radio, Brandeis, Suffolk and Northeastern had already capitulated, as had four states and many factories and shops.

I had gone to bed knowing I'd be required to work the next day no matter what fell from the sky—I've been in the business long enough to know that faculty are never called to storm a gap administrators have not already bridged with their bodies—and, sure enough, the BC dial-up line reported "open and operating on a normal schedule." Berklee College raised the white flag while I was out with the dog, Wellesley while I brushed my teeth. I was shaving when I heard a bitter soothsayer promise that the snow bashing we hadn't received in the night would strike us down

in the afternoon. I turned off the radio.

The 50 or so final exams took place as scheduled and were over by noon. By the time I left my office at 2 p.m. for a meeting, there was hardly a student to be seen, and the snow had begun again—large, soft flakes that seemed to move with deliberation and land on your coat like they meant it. I walked across a campus swathed in that pristine silence that has long made poets associate snowfields with death. I don't—it's the sight of a golf green that make *my* knees weak—so all through my meeting I was pleased to gaze out the window, watching the fat flakes settle on tree limbs, gables and a few darkly bundled pedestrians. Then I took the long

way back, down the Higgins stairs—sprinkled like a kid's birthday cake with mauve melting crystals—along the Lower Campus road, and up the elevator to the top floor of the new garage. There I stopped to admire the way snow concealed the RecPlex roof's harsh pyramids and made them seem a stage set for the 200 spangled precision skaters in a Busby Berkeley winter fantasy. Everywhere, in fact, was evidence of a snowfall's strange and cheering power to muffle modernity and its discontents. I passed the library and saw a young male student hold a door for a young female student whose arms were full of books. "Bless you!" she cried, like she'd just stepped away from Grandma's sewing circle.

After nightfall, at about 4:30,

I went out to look for the end of this story. The wind had picked up, and the snow was flying. Crossing the Dustbowl, I saw a man coming toward me. He appeared to be Zhivago but turned out to be a Jesuit faculty member. I pointed out to him a fact I had noticed only a minute earlier—that from where we stood we could see the windows of more than 100 faculty offices in Carney, McGuinn and Fulton, and with 30 minutes still to go in the semester, only seven were lit, and the rest were dark. A sage and tested man, this Jesuit raised his head and looked around. "My gosh, you're right," he finally said. "They must have forgotten to turn out the lights."

The semester was over by the time I got back to the office. ●

WHAT THE DEAD KNOW

Air here is like the water
Of an aquarium that's been lived in for a while—clear and still
Beyond the rigors
Of glass; appearing cold (and clear) as spring streams
Fed by snow and ice,
But unexpectedly warm to feel, and inviting; side-lit—
A vitality of shadows
Once you come into it, and long bars of light
Burning like spots,
Remarkable for the absence of dust in their sharp crossfires;
Heavy, as crystal
Is heavy, as if to move here would mean pushing against a force
Palpable, and strong;
Yet rich with prospects of life, comfortable
With the idea of life,
As if, put on its slide, every drop is stocked with wonders,
Swarming, about to burst—

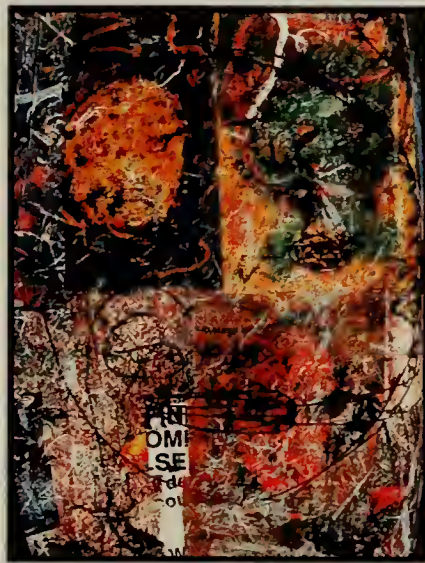
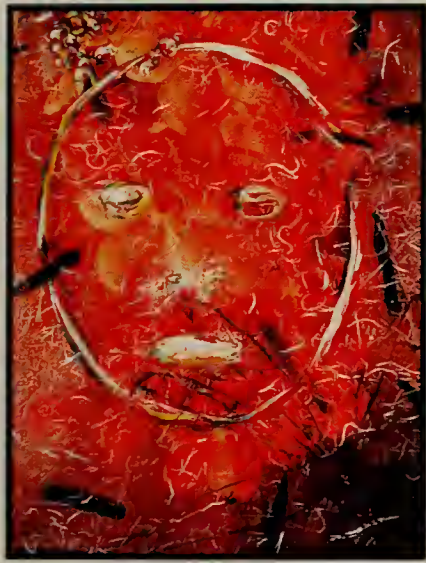
Beautiful in a way,
One element sustaining another, our message brought home
So that the living
Might come to see. Harder to say that without them
We are nothing—
Water without air; or to speak of our isolation,
Or our special loneliness;
Or say as they look right through us, at their plants,
Pictures, books,
Windows, reflections, and blank white walls,
That we need them,
To orient ourselves and to tell us who we are;
Or that with each look
They are swimming to within our sights; or that we are always casting
Wider and wider
And that even now they are fighting to avoid our nets.

Robert Polito '73

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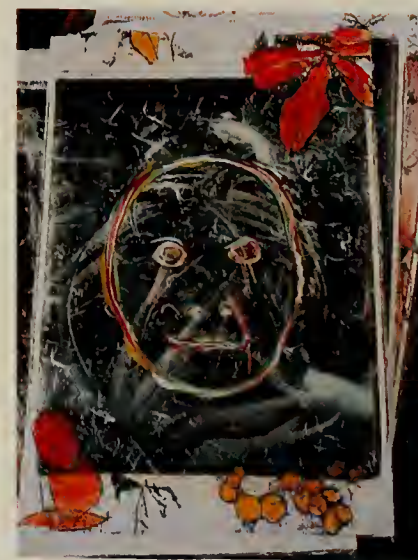
*In Mark Cooper's haunting faces, a glimpse of truths
past and present, primitive and postmodern*

BY BRUCE MORGAN

MARK COOPER'S LATEST WORK SUGGESTS a fecund cross between Stone Age encryption and graffiti scrawled on a plywood fence an hour ago. His blunt, dotted faces, which he thinks of collectively as masks, shimmer like pebbles under water. They allude to many things, pressing their noses against the glass of history even as they remain distant and indecipherable. The images are vexing, primitive, laden—and the artist wouldn't have it any other way.

For Cooper, masks represent the culmination of a search for "universal imagery" that has beguiled him over the past couple of years. A member of the fine-arts faculty since 1978, Cooper strives to create icons that are both familiar and provocative, letting viewers into the work easily before scattering their presumptions

PHOTOGRAPHY BY GARY GILBERT



and sending them away in a questioning mood. "When art is terrific—and there's been a lot of terrific art—it has a universal rightness," he explains. "Art like that is very satisfying to people who experience it because they can imagine themselves doing it. It's complete and brand new and feels like something they've always known."

Cooper draws on traditions as far-flung as Persian calligraphy, Japanese painting and Moorish design elements. Similarly, his passions skate back and forth through time. A few years ago, he visited the Dordogne region of southwestern France to see 30,000-year-old cave drawings. En route he absorbed the contents of Paris museums devoted to impressionism and medieval art.

Those disparate influences come together in Cooper's hands, physically as well as metaphorically. He builds up the surfaces of his masks densely, starting with double-exposure Polaroids of his own watercolors and photographs, then adding rice paper that has been further painted and marked. "When you walk down the street," he says, "there's an array of sights and sounds and smells that's just layered." His masks are at once a brimming expression of our postmodern time and a retreat from the general uproar; Cooper calls them "a resting place."

Not one to toil in isolation, Cooper believes in taking his art to the streets. Working with hundreds of schoolchildren from the fourth grade on up, both in Boston and in Washington, D.C., he has arranged to have his students' masks and an accompanying message of nonviolence gaze out spookily, beseechingly, from billboards and the sides of buses. To date, 40 such billboards have appeared in the two cities.







One-hundred-and-fifty years ago a blight struck Ireland's potato crop. In the ensuing famine, one million people died, two million emigrated, and romantic Ireland was settled in her grave

BITTER HARVEST

BY KEVIN WHELAN

DIVINE PROVIDENCE, IN ITS inscrutable way, has again poured out upon us the viol of its wrath," the celebrated temperance campaigner Rev. Theobald Matthew wrote to a British government official, when a deadly fungus afflicted the Irish potato crop. "A blot more destructive than the simoom of the desert has passed over the land, and the hopes of the poor potato-cultivators are totally blighted, and the food of a whole nation has perished. On the 27th of last month, I passed from Cork to Dublin, and this doomed plant bloomed in all the luxuriance of an abundant harvest. Returning on the 3rd instant, I beheld, with sorrow, one wide waste of putrefying vegetation. In many places the wretched people were seated on the fences of their decaying gardens, wringing their hands and wailing bitterly the destruction that had left them foodless."

According to another 19th-century observer, "The very appearance of a potato field the first years was something awful. In

one night, so smitten with the blight, it changed from the natural green to polished black, the real resemblance of death. Today the crop was green and in blossom, and tomorrow dark, withered, and with an unpleasant and offensive smell, which could be felt a distance away.”



IT IS NOT A SIMPLE task to recover in any meaningful way the experience of the famine years from 1845 to 1850 or to reappropriate imaginatively the consciousness or culture of prefamine Ireland on the eve of its extinction. It is difficult to grasp the implications of a tragedy that wiped out one million people in half a decade, as if the modern population of Dublin were obliterated by the year 2000.

It is also difficult to empathize with the scale of the poverty that prevailed in Ireland in the prefamine years. In Limerick in 1844 a laborer named John Cherry told a local doctor, “The people are so poor that they are ready to eat one another.” In seemingly prosperous Kilkenny in 1835 a German visitor noted with fascinated disgust how a local mother had picked up gooseberry skins that a fellow traveler had spat out of the stagecoach, carefully placing them in the mouth of her child.



THE POTATO HAD a number of advantages that made it an attractive proposition in Irish circumstances. It was well adapted to a wet, dull climate and to acidic soils. Unlike grain, it required no processing to make it edible. It was also nutritious. With milk added, it formed a balanced diet, containing adequate amounts of protein, carbohydrates and minerals.

Although the potato began its career as a garden crop for the gentry, it quickly jumped the garden wall and was given the freedom of the fields. By the end of the 18th century the potato had become a year-round staple in the diet of laborers and small farmers, particularly in the south and west of Ireland. Reliance on the humble crop grew steadily so that by the 1830s one-third of the Irish population—three million people—relied on potatoes for more than 90 percent of their caloric intake.



THE POTATO ALSO drove one of the pivotal changes in the nature of 18th-century Irish life—the transformation of the west into a thickly settled farm area. This western fringe of small farms developed in response to the surging population, which went from three million to eight-and-a-half million between 1700 and 1845. The potato fed a

great many of the new settlers.

A principal determinant of the settlement pattern was the *clachan* and *rundale* system. A *clachan* was a group of farmhouses where landholding was organized communally. Although the word *village* was often used to describe the communities, these clusters of farmhouses were not true villages in that they lacked churches, pubs, schools and shops.

While the houses might have individual vegetable gardens adjacent, they were surrounded by a cultivated open field, without enclosures, within which oats or potatoes were grown in strips separated by sods or stones. This system was called by the Scottish name of *rundale*. Each family used a variety of strips, periodically redistributed, to ensure a fair division of all types of soil. Outside the infield, and generally separated from it by a sturdy wall, was the commonage—poorer, often hilly or boggy ground that was used for grazing the *clachan*'s cattle.



ONE *CLACHAN* WAS described by an English observer as “the most curious aggregation of miserable huts I have ever seen. Altogether, taking in a dozen houses which straggled a little towards the outskirts, there were 141 huddled close, very much as if they had been shaken out of a bag, and had lain as they fell.” Although these communities were materially poor, the proximity of one dwelling to another encouraged a rich oral culture—especially performing arts such as singing, dancing and storytelling. People lived so close to one another that they could chat from house to house without ever coming to the door.

The vivacity and gaiety of the *rundale* and *clachan* society, as well as its hospitality, were constantly remarked on by prefamine visitors. An incident from Mayo in the 1830s illustrates this. A deserted child was passed by consent from house to house within a *clachan*, looked after for a month at each one in turn, “as they had agreed among themselves, until it came to a married couple, who, having no children, adopted it and have since reared it as their own.”



IRONICALLY, THE virulent potato fungus *phytophthora infestans* was transmitted by ship from Boston to Europe in 1845 and spread with devastating speed, causing the potato crop to rot. This unprecedented attack destroyed one-third of Ireland's crop in 1845, three-quarters in 1846 and 1847, and one-third in 1848. One million people died, and two million emigrated in the next two decades, cruelly paralleling the three million Irish

Christian providentialism accepted the destruction of the potato as a good thing because the potato seemed to be the literal root of all Irish evil—a lazy root, grown in lazy beds, by an incorrigibly lazy people.

people who had grown totally dependent on the potato in the years prior to the famine.

The deaths were disproportionately concentrated in the west of Ireland in the areas of new settlement dominated by *rundale* and *clachan*. In these dense huddles, disease ran unchecked. From a sample of 7,000 people who died in West Cork in 1847, for example, some 3,080 died of fever, 2,380 of starvation and 1,540 of dysentery.

THE BRITISH RESPONSE to the famine was profoundly informed by the prevalent Protestant religious sensibility. The phenomenon of famine—saturated in biblical resonances—was understood in essentially religious terms as a form of providentialism, God's personal intervention in the natural world. The evangelicals among the British stressed the consequent necessity to allow the unrestricted operation of natural moral law.

"It is awful to observe how the Almighty humbles the pride of nations," the British Home Secretary Sir James Graham wrote to the prime minister in 1846. "The sword, the pestilence, and famine are the armies of his displeasure . . . he gives the word: a single crop is blighted; and we see a nation prostrate, stretching out its hand for bread. These are solemn warnings . . . they proclaim with a voice not to be mistaken, that doubtless there is a God, who judgeth the earth."

At its most extreme, British opinion could interpret the famine as a direct divine punishment of Irish Catholics. "Ireland is under the curse of God," said a Protestant observer, "and will be till she is delivered from the curse of Popery . . . God has now manifested his continued wrath against us by completely destroying the potato crop."

Christian providentialism accepted the destruction of the potato as a good thing in itself because

the potato seemed to be the literal root of all Irish evil—a lazy root, grown in lazy beds, by an incorrigibly lazy people.

One commentator paraphrased the dominant British viewpoint by writing that the potato "has done incalculable mischief, and has raised and supported a miserable population, who depend on him alone for subsistence, and who, should he fail them, have nothing else to look to—they must have potatoes or perish. By his pernicious influence a brave manly people have been brought down to the lowest level of mere existence . . . The people who subsist on this detestable root are standing on the last rung of the ladder of human life, below which they cannot go."

A high British official commented, "The wretched people seem to be human potatoes, a sort of emanation from the root; they have lived by it and will die with it." The influential philosopher Thomas Carlyle said, "It is really a tremendous epoch we have come to, if the potato will not return. If this despicable root will but *continue* dead, we may at least all say that we have changed our sordid, chronic, pestilential atrophy into a swift, fierce crisis of death or the beginning of cure; and all revolutions are but small to this—if the potato will but stay *away!*"

THE PROMOTION of social engineering, rather than relief or saving lives per se, dominated the British administrative and political response to the famine. Blight would allow the pernicious potato to be replaced as a food source by a higher form such as grain, and this change in itself would force the feckless Irish up the ladder of civilization. The famine would then be a harbinger of the future, a short-term loss for a long-term gain. It would teach the Irish poor the immutable laws of political economy, encouraging them to exercise moral and religious restraint.

Such attitudes influenced the British decision to import maize, then called Indian meal, as the preferred relief food. Maize could not be grown in Ireland and therefore would have to become a purchased food. This by itself would eliminate the potato wage, which had dominated the agricultural labor system. Laborers would now have to be paid in cash rather than in potatoes—forcing farmers to become more efficient.

Eliminating the potato would also liquidate *rundale* and *clachan*, with its anachronistic micro-farmers. The result would be a modern, efficient Irish agricultural sector, with large-scale farmers

and a wage-earning sector.

Behind these conceptions lay the utopian ideal of deleting the chaotic scribble that the Irish had scrawled over their disheveled landscape and creating a clean Irish slate on which new, English values could be inscribed. The policy arms to this scenario were the £4 rating clause, which made landlords responsible for the taxes on all holdings valued at less than £4—effectively, most western small holdings—and the Gregory quarter-acre clause, which refused relief to anyone holding more than a quarter acre. Because landlords had to pay higher tax rates than they would now receive from their tenants, and because starving farmers could not receive relief until they surrendered their holdings, these two clauses became a clearance charter, leading to massive evictions in the west of Ireland, especially in the poorest counties of Mayo, Galway and Clare. Almost 500,000 people were evicted during the famine years.

BETWEEN 1845 AND 1850, the British Treasury spent £7 million on relief, a figure representing less than 0.5 percent of the British gross national product during the period. Contemporaries such as the leading Irish politician David O'Connell and the English radical, Poulet Scrope, drew attention to

the sharp contrast with the £20 million raised in the 1830s to compensate the West Indian slave-owners for emancipation. Contemporary historians have noted the even more marked discrepancy with the £70 million subsequently wasted on the futile Crimean War of 1854-56.

PUNCH, THE MOST popular British magazine of the day, cried gleefully in 1851, "The old Irish cry of 'Ireland for the Irish' will soon be heard no more; for if emigration keeps up its present enormous rate, there will soon not be a single Irishman in Ireland, and the cry must be changed to 'Ireland for the English.'" Lord Clarendon, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was equally chauvinistic: "Priests and patriots howl over the 'Exodus,' but the departure of thousands of papist Celts must be a blessing to the country they quit," he wrote. "Some English and Scots settlers have arrived and they encourage others to come."

The Lord Lieutenant's remarks alert us to the increasing exploitation of a racist discourse during the famine. "We do not doubt that, by the inscrutable but invariable laws of nature, the Celt is less energetic, less independent, less industrious than the Saxon," sniffed the *London Times* in 1847.

Rather than curtail exports of beef, barley and butter, the government imported maize from the United States. During the famine's deadliest season, the summer of "Black '47," the poor lined up at soup kitchens.





THE VILLAGE OF MIENIES.

Starvation and disease decimated settlements in the west of Ireland, such as the *clachan* of Mienies in County Cork, which Irish artist James Mahony sketched for the *Illustrated London News* in 1847.

"This is the archaic condition of his race . . . [Englishmen] can, therefore, afford to look with contemptuous pity on the Celtic *cottier* [poor laborer] suckled in poverty which he is too callous to feel, or too supine to mend."

Such views solved a major problem for the post-Union British. Prior to the Act of Union of 1800, Irish difficulties could be attributed to the incompetence and corruption of its national legislature. It was axiomatically assumed that the virtues of an impartial imperial legislature would extend the blessings of British civilization to Ireland. But Irish poverty and violence spectacularly increased rather than diminished after the Union, posing a severe interpretive difficulty. The racial perspective squared this Irish circle: Irish problems were not socioeconomic or political in character but genetically rooted.

THE ASSAULT ON the "defective" Irish racial character was accompanied by an onslaught on the *rundale* and *clachan* system, in the belief that only individual farms would encourage initiative and self-reliance. As early as 1845 some Irish landlords had begun to implement this new policy. A contemporary account describes the process on a Donegal estate:

The country is being divided into long straight farms, by long straight fences, running up to the mountains, the object being to give each farmer a pretty equal division of

good and bad land, and to oblige him to reside on his farm. Formerly the land was divided by *rundale*, as it is called; a dozen people possessed furrows in the same field, something similar to the ridge and furrow system in England on an extended scale. The system was necessarily attended with every evil, and improvement precluded.

A logical lattice of ladder farms spread over the west of Ireland, obliterating the earlier informal networks of the *rundale* system. But the imposed regularity and order came at a steep cultural price. A late-19th-century observer remarked, "Before the landlords began to scatter the villages and every tenant had to build his own house on his own land, there were more facilities for the people congregating together and perpetuating the old stories by their continued rehearsal. A dullness pervades country life now."

The reorganized land was culturally barren. "If a human sound met the traveler's ear, it was only that of the feeble and despairing wail for the dead," noted a contemporary account.

Donegal resident Hugh Dorrian described the aftermath of the famine this way: "Years passed on, the same vicissitudes recurring, some few persons mounting a step higher in the scale of worldly comfort, some at a standstill, some drifting downwards in the face of all exertions, whilst self-preservation was the predominant thought with all men. Friendship was forgotten, men lived as if they dreaded each other, every one trying to do the best for himself alone."

IN THESE DISTRESSING circumstances, Irish Catholicism became a crucial bearer of order and identity in a world of unprecedented flux, accelerated by the devastating impact of the famine and selective emigration. These simultaneously obliterated the demographic base of vernacular Catholicism in the Irish poor and fatally weakened the older distinctive cultural formations rooted in the Irish language. Catholicism invaded this vacated cultural space and solved Ireland's identity crisis by offering a powerful surrogate language of symbolic identity, in which Irishness and Catholicism were seen as reciprocal and congruent.

Religion articulated an artificial, symbolic language of identity to replace the living one being swept away by famine, emigration and jolting socio-

cultural transformations. The culture of poverty was supplanted by the culture of piety, as the church provided a new social discipline of respectability. The age-old Irish keen, for example, was now deemed barbaric by the Catholic Church. Thomas Bray, the Archbishop of Cashel, singled out for special attention “all *unnatural* screams and shrieks, and *fictitious*, tuneful cries and elegies, at wakes, together with the *savage* custom of howling and bawling at funerals.” The folklorist Seamus Suilleabhain relates a story told to him by his father, who attended a funeral in the parish of Tuosist, in South Kerry, around 1900:

As the coffin was being taken in a cart to the local graveyard at Kilmakilloge, three women keeners sat on top of it, howling and wailing at intervals. The parish priest, on horseback, met the funeral near Derreen, a few miles from the graveyard, and rode at its head along the road. As soon as he heard the three women howl loudly, he turned his horse about and trotted back until he reached them, where they sat on the coffin. He started to lash them with his whip, as the cart passed by, and ordered them to be silent. This they did, but on reaching the graveyard, they again took up their wailings, whereupon the priest forced them down from the coffin with his whip. They were afraid to enter the graveyard to howl at the gravesite. This put an end to the hiring of keening women in that parish.

THE EFFECTS OF THE famine on the Irish soul were complex and lingering. Malachi Horan, a small-scale farmer, commented that the famine’s main effect had not been to create poverty—“they were used to that”—but to make the people “so sad in themselves” and to make “many a one hard too.” Novelist Edith Martin expressed similar sentiments when she observed, “The famine yielded like the ice of the northern seas; it ran like melted snow in the veins of Ireland for many years afterwards.”

At the end of the century, playwright John Millington Synge commented on the omnipresent famine shadow that still fell across the Wicklow Glens, and the three shadowy countries “that were never altogether absent in the old people’s minds—America, the workhouse and the madhouse.” The widespread dislocation lent credence to Irish politician James Fintan Lawlor’s claim that the famine represented “a deeper social disorganization than the French Revolution—greater waste of life, wider loss of property—more of the horror with none of the hopes.”

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PART OF THAT ENDURING horror was the extent to which it entrenched emigration as a way of life in Ireland. Two million Irish people emigrated between 1845 and 1855, most of them to the United States. In the peak year of 1851, 250,000 people left Ireland.

In March 1868 David Moriarty, the Catholic Bishop of Kerry, caught the prevailing consensus: “In point of fact, there is no use in talking for or against emigration. The face of the people is set to the west and they go in obedience to a reasoning or blind instinct of their own. The national schools have superseded the crowbar. Educated youth who leave have had the maps of the world before their eyes for years and are not likely to sit down for life on a potato patch.”

By the 20th century, emigration had eaten its way into the heart of the Irish experience. American traveler Harold Speakman, visiting an Irish schoolroom, encountered the following scene, recorded in his 1931 book *Here’s Ireland*: “Little boys of assorted sizes, resting themselves first on one leg and then on the other, stood against the walls,” Speakman wrote. “They seemed to be waiting for something. As I shared my raisin bread with them, there came to my mind the bizarre notion that they were waiting to grow up and go to America.”

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My dear Children

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for your Remittance

a Relief Received

We were most anxious

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In the face of poverty and famine,
thousands of miles from his children,
James Prendergast labored until the day
he died to preserve his family

BLOODLINES

IN OCTOBER 1845, JAMES Prendergast of Milltown, County Kerry, Ireland, wrote to three of his children at their new home in Boston, describing a blight that threatened the harvest. That letter began a five-year chronicle of the famine and the efforts of James and Elizabeth Prendergast to preserve their family and community—their sons John, Jeffry, Maurice, Michael and Thomas; their daughter, Julia; her husband, Con Riordan; and the grandchildren, cousins and neighbors the Prendergasts looked after.

The letters excerpted below are preserved in the archives at Burns Library and are reprinted with permission. Since James Prendergast could write only his signature, he dictated his correspondence to a scrivener named Daniel Connell. Elizabeth Prendergast's letters are in her own hand; she was probably, like many Irish women of her generation, convent educated. The original punctuation and spelling have been maintained except where clarity necessitated minor changes.

Milltown [postmarked October 25, 1845]

My dear Children

... Your Mother and I are well thank God and so are all your friends too many to be named in particular. Maurice and his family are well and still in the same situation ... The beginning of the Harvest was very promising, the Crops in general had a very rich appearance, and it was generally expected that next season would be very plentiful. But within the last few weeks the greatest alarm prevails, throughout the Kingdom. It is dreaded that nothing less than a famine must prevail next summer unless the Almighty Lord interpose. A disease has seized the potatoe crop which was the standing food of the Country. The Potatoes which were good and healthy a few days since are now rotten in the Ground even some which were dug in beautiful dry weather and stored in Pits seem to be affected with the same blight. The Newspapers teem with alarming accounts of the same disease throughout the Kingdom. I cannot say whether the loss is equal to the alarm. But dread of the greatest nature pervades all classes in so much that Parliament has been called upon to assemble to devise means for providing against the dreaded Calamity. May God in his mercy avert such distress from his suffering poor. Dan Riordan is well and so is Mr. Spring & family, every Letter which his Children send here contains accounts of every one of ye ... I will not trouble ye further than to say that your Mother joins me in sending ye our blessing [not] forgetting Julia and her husband. I remain your

Affectionate Father
James Prendergast

Milltown 27th Dec. 1845

My dear Children

Your Letter of the 30th Nov. last with its enclosure of £8 Shg. arrived with us on the 18th of Dec. Instant and was Cashed for me without delay on the 22nd. I must say that it was very timely for the Christmas holidays. Yet I will tell you and I hope you will believe me that we enjoyed greater pleasure than the amount of the check could give when we read that ye enjoyed good health. May the merciful Redeemer preserve ye and shower his favours on ye. Considering our age, your Mother and I are well thank God. Your Brothers and their families are so likewise, and so is Dan Riordan, he is always at Mr. Finns. Mr. Spring and family are very well, your Aunt is still in Cork. I have only heard from her she received some sort of a hurt, I hear she is lame but I could not learn how it happened. As for the state of the Country it is very uncertain in harvest. The crops were so promising that people thought the ensuing year would be plentiful & cheap. But before Sept. it was discovered that the potatoe crop was rotting in the ground. The Complaint became general throughout Ireland and not without cause. The public papers teem with accts. of the loss in Various parts of this Kingdom. Government sent

out Commissioners to try to discover the cause & means to prevent it but all in Vain. A dread of famine prevailed throughout [the] kingdom. Petitions crowded in from all parts of the Kingdom, Praying that Government would open the Ports, and grant a free Trade. The Cabinet Council disagreed & resigned their places. A new Cabinet was attempted to be formed, but it said that the attempt failed and the old Council was recalled, great Confusion prevails here as nothing certain is yet done. No scarcity appears in our part of the Country yet thank God. But the Spring and Summer, it is dreaded, will be very dear, as great quantities of Potatoes have been lost in every part of the Country. It was not a partial Complaint but a general one and I am really Sorry to say it is not without Cause. I will not trouble you with further accounts, only that your Mother and I daily offer our prayers for your preservation and now Join in Sending you our love & blessing. I remain my dear Children

Yours truly & affectionately
James Prendergast

Milltown 11th August 1846

My dear Children

I received your Letter of the 16th of July on the 2nd of this Month. I presented the Check at the National Bank Tralee last Week. The Manager Mr. Quill said that it was payable in Cork. However, he paid me the Compliment of advancing me the amount, as he usually does ... The State of the Country is not as distressing as was dreaded in the beginning of this year, but that was owing to the supplies of foreign provisions brought into the Country and to the public works carried on to give the poor employment. Relief Committees were formed in every locality and the Board of Works empowered them to repair byeroads and carry on different other works of public utility to employ the labouring classes young and old, and to give them food for their labour. These arrangements were well observed, and real distress was scarcely known here, thank God, even the Markets were kept down to reasonable prices for such as did not labour. But unless some such Measures be taken to provide against next year greater fears are entertained for the coming than the present Season. The Potatoe crop is much worse than the last. The disease that was not perceived until September, & even December in other places last year, is now complained of throughout the Country. It is felt more severely, as we have not the fourth part of last year's produce, even diseased. We expect good measures from the British parliament this year but we must wait to know the issue. Our Irish Members stood their part well and were not unsuccessful. My dear Children I will say no more than that your Mother joins with me to send you our blessing and so do your Brothers. And that I remain affectionately

Your Father
James Prendergast

Milltown 20th Nov. 1846

My dear Children

On the 11th of August last I wrote in reply to your letter of the 16th of July, thanking you for your Remittance which was a relief received most timely. Since that time We were most anxiously expecting an answer from Ye. At last our patience was worn out and we became really alarmed, not for any disappointment of our own, but lest any disaster should befall either of you, and cause this unusual delay. We are now old and must of course be near our dissolution, and we would descend quietly to the grave if we knew that ye were well. John Payne arrived here some time since, he said ye were well, and that he heard Tom was married, but could not say it absolutely. Therefore my dear Children, We entreat you to write on receipt of this and ease our troubled minds. Say if either of the boys married, if so may God bless them. The State of this Country is almost beyond description. Nothing to be seen in all quarters but distress and destitution. Famine and starvation threatening everywhere unless God mercifully send some foreign aid. Last year was a year of abundance & plenty when compared with the present. This year all the potatoe crop was lost, the best farmer here is as short of them as the poorer class. Potatoes are seldom in Market, and the few that then come are bought by the rich as a rarity at the rate of from £8 to £12 for stone . . . The supply of the Country it is dreaded will soon be exhausted unless supplies are brought in from abroad. The grain Crop of this County fell very short this year. The last remittance ye sent is out long since and we are considerably in debt. Therefore if ye can assist us as usual do not delay your usual relief. The Pawn offices here are so stocked with Goods that 10 shillings could scarcely be raised on the value of five Pounds. Let Con know that his Brother is well and in his usual place . . . I remain Affectionately

Your father
James Prendergast

Milltown 21st April 1847

My dear Children

With perfect gratitude and paternal affection I acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 30th of March last. I must say that your filial care has placed your aged parents beyond reach of distress for the ensuing summer notwithstanding the extreme dearness of every article of food . . . Your Brother Michael left this place easter monday to sail for America . . . we pressed him to go, as we knew that if he remained, what he had would be spent and he should remain the rest of his days in misery. I gave the ten shillings ordered for Michael to his wife and to do her justice, she was as attentive to your Mother during her illness as any daughter could be . . . In your next, let us know if Michael reached Boston and how he fared during his passage. I need say nothing to you about

John's death. Michael can tell you everything. I went to his Wife and asked if she would suffer her child to go to America. She said she would let her come to myself but would be unfond to let her go to America . . . I released some frocks of hers that were pawned and I intend bringing her. She is a fine child and much like her father in her way. I must always have an eye to her. She is the only one now living that was called after your Mother Elizabeth . . . affectionately

Your father
James Prendergast

Milltown 25th July 1847

My dear Children

I now write to you that I may enjoy the pleasure of hearing by your reply that ye are well, for really I think it an age since I received the last Communication. Also your Mother and I feel very uneasy on account of your Brother Michael. About the 27th of March last he left home, and delayed a few days, only, in Cork, before he sailed for St. John's, New Brunswick, as we heard. Since that time we never heard from him. We expected an account long since either by Letter from himself or thro ye, but we were really disappointed. We are really alarmed on his account. He left 4 Children and their poor Mother, with no more subsistence than nine shillings. This was a very poor stock, even if the year were much more plentiful. We could not see them suffering without feeling for their wants. But our hope is in God. We expect better news at least when ye reply to this, if we hear not sooner. Your Mother and I are now perfectly recovered from the severe and lingering illness under which we laboured, and thank God. We are in as good health as could be expected, at the present period of our lives. Ye will add to our Comfort by answering this as speedily as ye can, and sending whatever account ye can of Michael's state. Maurice and all his family were successively lying in fever. They are now recovering thank God and I hope out of danger. Tho Maurice himself is still languid and complaining of pains in all his Bones after his fit. They may thank ye for their lives, as the part they received of what ye sent was a principal means to recover them. The markets here are still rather high, tho a reduction has taken place here. We cannot say much of the present Crops of the Country, they were very promising until within the few last days, when some signs of blight appeared on the potatoe stalks not very unlike that which destroyed them last year. It is too soon to know how it may terminate, however. We must trust in God and hope for the best . . . I remain my dear Children, affectionately

Your father
James Prendergast

P.S. I expect a speedy reply, and desire ye will try & discover Michael if he has not arrived with ye before this.

Alumnotes

Golden Rule

Alumni Association lives Jesuit mission through community service programs

The Jesuit mission of "men and women for others" is alive and well at the Alumni Association. Each year, the Association sponsors over 50 service projects in Boston and around the country through the club network.

"Community service is the natural extension of our Jesuit education," said Alumni Association President John P. Connor, Jr., Esq., '65, LAW '68. "It's the kind of work we should be doing, and frankly, it's what sets us apart from other alumni associations."

Boston-area alumni have the chance to become involved with a wide variety of projects, including:

Second Helping: a perishable food recovery program which feeds 3,000 homeless people in greater Boston daily. Volunteers are involved in running an annual food drive at home football game and hosting a black-tie gala which raises operating money for the program.

Christmas in April: a national inner-city home repair program which takes place on the last Saturday of April, this year April 27. The Alumni Association sponsors one larger site each year; past

projects have included the Brighton Evangelical Church and the West End Community Center.



Project Cleansweep: a recycling program where volunteers collect usable household items left behind in BC residence halls at the end of the year and

donate them to over 40 local social service agencies.

Mother Caroline Academy: a mentoring partnership with an inner-city school for young women. A group of alumnae host "Friday fun nights" for students bimonthly, as well assist with tutoring and school projects.

Party for a Plate: a "taste of Boston" event sponsored by the Young Alumni Club of Boston in conjunction with nine other Catholic college alumni groups to raise money for the Greater Boston Food Bank. This year, the event will be held April 25 (see story on the following page).

Alumni outside the Boston area are also not short on projects; from the Boston to Minneapolis, Saint Louis to San Francisco, alumni are involved in service to their communities. Whether it's a walk for the homeless on the Cape, Christmas in April in Washington, DC, or the Jingle Bell run for arthritis in San Diego, BC alumni are making a difference in their corner of the world.

For more information on any of these programs, call the Alumni Association at (800) 669-8430.

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HOME RUN

Organizers for this year's Second Helping Black Tie Gala were looking for another home run on Saturday, March 30 for "An Evening at Home Plate," held at Fenway Park's 600 Club in Boston. The Gala, now in its eighth year, raises operating funds for Second Helping, the Alumni Association's perishable food recovery program which is operated by the Greater Boston Food Bank. The Gala sports the best in food and beverage from Boston's elite caterers, along with live and silent auctions and a grand raffle for a trip for two to Ireland. Pictured here are revelers Stephen Young of Boston and long-time committee member Susan M. Jones '84 of Newton.



GREAT TASTES

*Young Alumni Club combines good food
and a good cause at Party for a Plate*



On Thursday, April 25, local alumni groups from ten Catholic colleges will band together with some of Boston's best restaurants to sponsor Party for a Plate, a benefit for the Greater Boston Food Bank, at Avalon at 15 Lansdowne Street on Boston's "club row."

The event, which has run for the past five years, has raised \$12,000 annually for the Food Bank, which serves Boston's homeless and hungry population.

Over 600 young alumni and 25 restaurants are expected to turn out again this year to support Party for a Plate, which has become one of the hottest tickets in town.

"It's the place to be," said Paula Klim '89, member of BC's Young Alumni Club and chair of this year's event, "and a great time. It's heartening to see so many young alumni turn out to support a cause. We advertise ourselves as Boston's most efficient fundraiser, because 100% of the ticket price goes directly to the Food Bank."

Restaurants already committed this year are Cafe Celador, Maison Robert, Small Planet Bar

& Grill and Rosie's Bakery. Sponsoring schools include Boston College, Assumption College, College of the Holy Cross, Catholic University, University of Notre Dame, Providence College, Stonehill College, Georgetown University, Fairfield University and Saint Mary's College, Indiana.

In addition to the delectable food, a raffle sporting everything from in-line skates to weekend get-aways—and dancing, of course—round out the evening. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, and can be purchased by calling the Alumni Association at (800) 669-8430.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

CAREER SERVICES

Located at 38 Commonwealth Ave., the Career Center is open to alumni throughout the year. Hours are Mon., 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and Tues.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Of special interest to alumni are job listings, the Career Information Network and the Career Resource Library. Appointments for career advising, job search and resume advice may be scheduled by calling (617) 552-3430. For up-to-date info. on alumni programs, call the career program events line at (617) 552-4774.

6th Annual Alumni Career Night and Job Fair

Have you been thinking about changing jobs or moving into a new career? Do you feel prepared for the realities of today's marketplace? Consider joining us Mon., April 29, from 3-8 p.m. at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston for the 6th Annual Alumni Career Night and Job Fair, sponsored by the Alumni Job Fair Consortium. A selection of outstanding workshops will be offered that will help you develop new job search techniques—including using high-tech tools, creating a more dynamic résumé, acquiring interviewing skills that work—and much more. In addition to these dynamic programs, you'll have the opportunity to introduce yourself to potential employers from 5-8 p.m. Career advisors will be on hand to answer "quick questions" throughout the event. Jump-start your career by joining us! To receive a brochure with details and registration information, call the Career Center at (617) 552-3430.

Computers for Résumés

Alumni House has two Macintosh computers available for alumni use in preparing resume and cover

letters. This service is free; appointments must be made in advance for two-hour slots. Call (617) 552-4700.

CONTINUING LEARNING

Back-to-Campus Day

Fri., March 29. Has it been a while since you've visited the Heights? Would you like to tour the latest additions to campus? Do you wonder how student life in the '90s compares to what it was when you were an undergrad? Then join us for the 9th annual Back-to-Campus Day! Your day will include a full campus tour, the option to attend classes with a student guide and visits to campus libraries and the bookstore. A perfect opportunity for prospective students to join you, too! To register, call (800) 669-8430.

Caregiver/Care Receiver

Sunday, April 14, live telecast in Merkert Chemistry Center 127, 1:30-3:30 p.m. The Boston College Alumni Association and the University of Notre Dame bring you this provocative program, which will focus on the needs of caregivers and care receivers. Getting through the fog of disillusionment, pain, loss, confusion and communication breakdowns will be the focus. To register, call (800) 669-8430.

The Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR)

A program of peer-learning for retired and semi-retired persons. These popular courses include music, art, literature, history and current events. Tuition is \$125/semester for one course; \$150/semester for two courses. Classes take place at Alumni House during the day and are open to all. Call (617) 552-2950 for info.

GIFTS

New! 100% silk women's scarves tastefully depict Gasson Hall in gold on a navy or hunter background; both with a maroon border. Cost of the scarves is \$40 and may be ordered by calling (800) 669-8430. • **New! Boston College throw blanket** displays the Gothic-style buildings on the Heights. Ivory background with maroon; 100% cotton. Cost of the blanket is \$65 and may be ordered by calling (800) 669-8430. • **New! BC screen saver** gives you 18 spectacular screens and special effects to show your Eagle pride. Cost is \$28; order yours by calling (800) 669-8430 (PC format only). • **New! BC Chair** crafted in solid hard rock maple hardwood. Both captain's chairs and rockers available; a portion of each sale benefits the Alumni Scholarship Fund. To receive a brochure, call (800) 669-8430. • **BC Watch** by Seiko proudly displays a detailed three-dimensional re-creation of the University seal on a 14k gold-finished dial, and is offered in five styles: men's and ladies' wrist watches with black embossed calf leather straps, \$200; bracelet wrist watches and a pocket watch, \$245. To order, call (800) 523-0124. Request operator A77HQ.

PUBLICATIONS

1995 Alumni Directory

A handsome, hardcover volume and handy reference tool that organizes BC's 110,000 alumni in three different ways: alphabetically, by class and geographically. The geographic section also includes alumni job fields, making it a helpful networking tool. Cost is \$39.95 plus shipping and handling; call ADPG at (800) 375-2586 to order.

TRAVEL

1996 Football Season Opener

Aug. 24-Sept. 1. Join us for a Hawaiian holiday as the Eagles take on the University of Hawaii Rainbows. Package includes roundtrip airfare, four nights on Maui, four nights on Oahu, reserved seat game ticket, welcoming and pre-game receptions, and all transfers and baggage handling. For a brochure, call (800) 669-8430.

Colorado National Parks

June 25-July 2. An adventure from which wonderful memories are made! Deplane in Denver and enjoy an 8-day luxury motorcoach tour, during which you'll cross the Continental Divide. Visit the US Air Force Academy; Colorado Springs; Durango; Mesa Verde National Park; the Colorado National Monument; Rocky Mountain National Park—and many things in between. To receive a brochure, call (800) 669-8430.

Scandinavia

July 22-Aug. 5. Join us for this spectacular trip to the Land of the Vikings and the Midnight Sun. This holiday will take you to places that are unrivaled in terms of scenery and hospitality. Visit some of the world's most sophisticated cities, including Helsinki, Copenhagen, Oslo, Ulvik, Bergen and Stockholm—with an optional three-night extension to St. Petersburg. For a brochure, call (800) 669-8430.

VOLUNTEERISM

The BC Museum of Art seeks individuals interested in leading lectures and/or tours to serve as docents. Complete training and continuing support will be provided. Call the museum at (617) 552-8587 for more information.

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I am sorry to report that my darling wife Irene passed away February 10, 1995. I consider myself fortunate, however, that we did have 67 years of happy married life together. Please remember Irene in your prayers.

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I have volunteered to be the class correspondent. • **Richard A. Finn**, a former agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., died March 4, 1995 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. • **Rev. Francis O'Corcoran**, a former dean of BC, died April 7, 1995 in Waltham-Weston Hospital. • **Chester R. Arnold**, retired principal of Salem High School, died May 15, 1995. • Unfortunately, all the news I have concerns deaths. If, at any time, you have news concerning yourself or surviving classmates, please contact me at the address or phone above.

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The most recent membership catalogue of the BC Club of Cape Cod lists **Fred L'ecuyer** and **Bernie McCabe** as members. • **John W. Jake Healey**, former supervising principal in the Somerville public schools, resides at a nursing home in Lake Worth, FL. • **Frank Kennedy** is at an assisted living complex in the Bedford area. • **Gene Plociennik** is in a nursing home in the Providence, RI area. • **Rev. Thomas Murphy, SJ** resides at Fairfield College in Connecticut, and still plays piano in the auditorium adjacent to the college. • **Msgr. Christopher O'Neill** is now living at Regina Cleri, the retirement home for priests of the Boston archdiocese. • Please send me any class news.

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There seems to have been little news this quarter, what with everyone watching Judge Ito and the "Trial of the Century." However, I did happen upon one notable event. In May '95, **Jim Carolan's** son was honored by the Univ. of British Columbia with the following citation: "Dr. Carolan has been a renowned physics teacher at UBC since he was first appointed in 1986. Now a professor of physics, he maintains an active research program on high temperature superconductivity as well as being director of the physics undergraduate program. He is now president of the British Columbia section of the Association of American Physics Teachers. Dr. Carolan is the physics department's most dedicated undergraduate teacher and counselor. His students describe him as stimulating, conscientious, well-organized, clear, always ready to answer questions and helpful out of class. His dedication to students' welfare is unparalleled; his door is always open and generations of physics students have benefited from his wise advice and the sympathetic ear he lends to their problems." • Now a sad note: **John Haverty's** widow, Margaret Wright Haverty, died the week of Oct. 22. She was a good friend of the class who took a real interest in this column, which her husband wrote for many years. May she rest in peace. • Just before this went to print, I received a copy of the '94-'95 annual report entitled "The Emerging Campus of Boston College." It is a true work of art, replete with professional photos of the present campus as well as fascinating statistics and ground-breaking scenes from 1913-1994. If you can get a copy, I know you will enjoy it. • Also, a brief note from **Joe Donovan** (Rev. Victor, CP): "Say a prayer for me when you visit The Holocaust Memorial on Congress Street. Edith (Stein) is one in six

million." I have yet to see this memorial, as I don't get to Boston very often. The old legs are not what they used to be. If any of you get there before I, you can do the honors.

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News is somewhat scanty; however, perhaps to quote the saying "No news is good news," especially considering our advanced years. • Recently your scribe had a pleasant get-together with **John Powers** at the P.J. Restaurant in Walpole. John was accompanied by his Walpole townies (all old-timers) while TWC was joined with his New Pond Village pals (all octogenarians). It resulted in a lovely talk-fest including town politics, BC football, etc. • **Father Bill Donlon** reports that **Father Joe Daley** is in relatively good health. • As the news items are at a low ebb, perhaps this is a favorable time to give you information as to the State of the Class. We graduated with 293 strong, and a recent printout indicates our strength is down to 43. Of these 43, we personally have a feeling this number is overstated as we have had no contact with so many of our members for several years. Therefore, we would sincerely appreciate a telephone call, a note or a card from you or a member of your family in order that we might mention you in the next issue of this magazine. • I proudly report that my granddaughter, Melissa Stone, a graduate of Salve Regina, is now a student at the BC Graduate School of Social Work. • Although you will be reading this column many weeks after New Year's, may 1996 be most healthful. Again, may I hear from you in order to keep the lines of communication open.

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Peter Quinn is recovering nicely from recent surgery. Peter has all our best wishes and good thoughts.

• I had a nice note from **Dan Larkin**. The thinning of the ranks is particularly noticeable in the BC Club of Cape Cod. He does say that **Jack Patten** is an active club member. Dan and his wife Mary attended the club's memorial Mass for deceased members in November. • **Ed Cass** writes a most interesting letter. He has been out of Massachusetts since 1971. He first located in St. Thomas of the Virgin Islands, but moved to Florida a couple years ago, finding Florida a gentler environment for an "old boy." A lover of the sea, Ed—along with friend Chester Arnold '26—has sailed a 23-ft. sloop up and down the Florida coast. By the way, Ed suggests that we take a look at the sketch of the Tower Building in the back pages of our *Sub Turri*. The sketch is particularly noteworthy because it is the work of a renowned architect, Roger Torey Peterson, who happened to be visiting the Cass family at the time the sketch was made. • **John Connor** has received a treasured letter from Fr. Monan, lauding him for his 58-year stint as the class correspondent. • Stay well.

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Ted Marier fell, broke his shoulder and had to cancel his classes at Catholic Univ. in Washington, DC while undergoing therapy in Boston. Undeterred, with one arm in a sling, he conducted a choir in Dufurle's Requiem at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in the South End, honoring the memory of the late Cardinal Cushing. For the rest of the year he will be relaxing at his home in Belmont. • **George Kelleher**, no stranger to the wilds of Cape Cod, has sold his Belmont home and taken a condominium at Heatherwood, on the King's Way Golf Course, in Yarmouthport. Talked into it, no doubt, by **Neil Holland** who has a condo in the same resort. • **Rev. Jack Saunders**, who fills in at St. Mary's in Milton and elsewhere,

went to Syracuse for the BC game and reports seeing not one classmate. • **Bill Carr** is at Marian Manor in S. Boston and would welcome correspondence from classmates.

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We sent out a letter with a return postcard to class members who are still at large asking for odd items of news, or off-beat activities. The first card that came back was from **Bob Huddy** who wrote, "My hobby since 1926 has been racing homing pigeons. I have 60 and will be in Savannah, New Orleans and Tampa from 11/18 to 12/8 attending our national conventions." • The other returns were less spectacular: **Clarence Boucher** has retired after 55 years of priestly service. He is in good health and says Mass when needed in local parishes. • **Charlie Callahan**, after a successful career in law, has retired. He is still the best-looking guy in the class. • **Joe Corcoran** has retired from medical practice and professorship at Univ. of New Mexico School of Medicine. • **Milton Cohen**, after a career in radiology at Carney Hospital, is concentrating on his golf game at New Seabury on the Cape. • **Dick Cuniff** and wife Maryann have moved to 6166 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA, 22044. His old pals should drop him a line. • **Bill Gallagher** is rightly proud of his grandson, Bill Gallagher II, who is completing his tour of duty with the Marines and will begin college with money he has earned. • **John Griffin** misses golfing buddy Tip O'Neill, but with Rita's good care and support he is still playing at Eastward Ho. • **Dan Holland**, recovering steadily from his recent setback, is proud to report that his granddaughter, Mara Kathleen Holland, an outstanding student and athlete at Cathedral High School in Springfield, hopes to follow her brother, Brendan '98, to BC. *Note from John Wissler:* The Alumni Association is in great debt to all that Dan Holland has done on our behalf over the years. Not the least of his many contributions has been the faithful, flawless authorship of this column for more years than we can count. As the pen is passed to Ed Sullivan, I thank

Dan for his writing contributions which have kept all of you informed and in so doing, encouraged you to stay in touch with Alma Mater. • **John Kennedy** is a major presence for BC in Seal Harbor, CA. He writes for the local weekly (a clipping shows him in a BC sweater), manages and emcees a weekly sing-a-long, belongs to Kiwanis and K of C, and is head usher at his parish. • **Frank Liddell**, our great undergraduate class president, is still busy running his summer day camp for kids in Hingham. • **Bob Mead** gives of himself generously. His daily routine includes helping out at his parish and doing volunteer work at the nursing home that took care of his wife Mary during her final years. • **Jim McDonough**, the most active man in the class, writes a weekly medical article, serves on the boards of Winchester Hospital and *New England Journal of Medicine*, and can break 90 in golf. • **Andy Murphy**, retired on the Cape, has had his share of ailments but is hanging in there; his wife Peg still looks great. • **Jack Murphy**, always proud of his roots, came on from Sacramento with his lovely daughter Kathy for our 60th anniversary last June. She enjoyed seeing the people and places that meant so much to her father. • **Ray Perry**, that small, tough center on our football team, has hung up his professorial robes and taken up abstract painting. He is asking \$10,000 apiece for them and has plenty of them on hand. (*Note:* He has other sources of income.) • **Walter Sullivan** is still practicing law. Being one of the early settlers of Framingham, he has most of the big clients. He and Katie still look great. • Paul Raftery was recently honored by his hometown of Milford for his 50-plus years of community service and educational leadership. The Paul E. Raftery Academic Wing was dedicated on Dec. 3, 1995 at the Stacy Middle School, where Paul served as principal from 1944-1966. Congrats! • Finally, on a sad note, we lost **Elmer Rynne**, a colorful and talented member of the class, on Oct. 10, '95. His wife Margaret said he had been suffering for seven years following a severe stroke. His son, Elmer Jr. has taken over his sporting goods business in Lowell.

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Nota bene! Save Wed., May 29. **Brendon Shea** has lined up that date for our luncheon to celebrate our 60th (yes, our 60th!) year out of BC. Mark it down! Right now plans are for Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a social hour and luncheon. And, oh yes, **Jack McLaughlin's** music-maker will be there. Brendon will have final plans out as we approach the date. • The class extends thanks and very best wishes to Father Monan upon his upcoming retirement. His term certainly brought the glory years to BC. We wish him well in his new position as chancellor. At the same time we welcome the new and 25th president of BC, William P. Leahy, SJ. We wish him the very best in all his endeavors on behalf of the college and community. • Sorry to have to report the death of **Msgr. Jim Keating** who died in Nov. Jim had been vice rector and faculty member at St. Sebastian's Country Day School for years and had been a very active chaplain of the Boston Fire Department for over 25 years. He was a familiar figure at fire sites—many times going in harm's way—in his white fireman's helmet emblazoned with the chaplain's insignia and a black rubber coat with a cross on the back. Me? I remember him best when he was "tickling the ivories" as only he could. A concelebrated funeral mass was celebrated by the Cardinal. **Bishop Larry Riley** was one of the concelebrants. The funeral was widely attended with many priests present and with a large contingent of firemen together with their famous Piper Band. **Steve Hart** attended the funeral, and I'm sure other classmates were at the wake or funeral. • Also, I must report the death in Sept. of Genevieve *Jen* O'Hayre, wife of our late class president **Bob O'Hayre**. Steve Hart attended the wake to represent the class. The prayers and sympathy of the class are extended to the families of Fr. Jim and Jen. • In Oct. *The Pilot* issued a special edition to honor the late Cardinal Cushing. Among the interesting and enlightening articles was one by Bishop Larry Riley, "An Intimate Profile," giving insight to the Cardinal's life. Also in that issue

was an old photo showing the Cardinal leading a church parade in Boston sometime in the '50s or '60s—and marching right behind him was the then Father Larry! • During his peace seeking trip to Northern Ireland last Nov., President Clinton dedicated an endowed chair for conflict resolution at Univ. of Ulster in memory of the late Speaker of the House **Tip O'Neill**. The Chair was selected as a project because it reflected Tip's dedication to resolving the differences in Northern Ireland without violence. • **Tom Mahoney** was in Bucharest in Oct. to present a paper on aging. Then he and Phyllis vacationed a bit before going to Berlin where Tom was the speaker at the fall dinner of the MIT Alumni Club of Germany.

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The class regrets to announce that we lost another loyal son in the passing of **John J. Bonner**, husband of Della and father of Paul A. Bonner of Baltimore, MD. John passed away on Dec. 20, 1995 after a long illness. Besides graduating with us, he also graduated from BC Law and Bentley School of Accounting. He served in the Army during World War II and worked for the Boston police dept. for many years before retiring in 1975. At various times he was in charge of records and identification, communications, data processing, personnel and training. He and Della became very active in all our reunions. He will be missed by us all. He was a perfect gentleman and we have lost a dear friend. I am certain he is looking down from his celestial home. We extend to his wife Della and son Paul our sincere condolences. • I received a letter from **Eric Stenholm** to inform me that he had sold his house in Dedham and moved to Kentucky. His new address is 3051 Rio Dosa Dr. #333, Lexington, KY 40509. He moved to be closer to his two daughters. He and Alma are both fine and wish to be remembered to all. • I wrote to **Tilley Ferdenzi's** daughter in Virginia to find out his condition, but as yet I have received no response. • We should all rejoice in the news that Alma Mater has recognized the con-



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you don't have to make a big deal of remembering
Boston College in your will or living trust.**

Of course it is a big deal. It is a generous act that should make you proud. And, we'd appreciate your telling us about it so we can welcome you into the Joseph Coolidge Shaw Society. The Shaw Society is our way of saying thank you.

But as much as we'd like to hear from you, we have absolute respect for a wish to act privately.

Here's the only help you need from us. It's one sentence.

I hereby bequeath to Trustees of Boston College, a Massachusetts Corporation, having its corporate address in Chestnut Hill, without reduction for any tax occasioned by my death the sum of \$_____ (or _____ percent of the residue of my estate.) to be used for its general purposes.

**And in case we don't have a chance to say it later,
thank you.**

____ Yes, I have included Boston College in my will or living trust and would be pleased to be named a member of the Joseph Coolidge Shaw Society.

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tributions of **Rev. Fred Adelman**, SJ through the institution of the Fred Adelman Chair, made possible by Patrick and Lillian Carney. Patrick Carney '70 is a University trustee. The Chair is given in Fr. Fred's honor for the many years he served in the philosophy dept. It couldn't be awarded to a finer Jesuit priest at BC! • We wish all a happy new year; let us continue to remember in our prayers all our classmates who need them. • While speaking of classmates, let us remember the photo of **Msgr. Bob Sennott**, appearing in a recent issue of the *Pilot*, as he supervises the construction of an additional wing at Regina Cleri, the rest home for retired priests of the Archdiocese. As former chancellor of the Archdiocese, they couldn't have picked a better man to watch the construction. • Hope to BCing you all!

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By this time, we all will have received the fall issue of *BC Magazine*. It features a story on lasting marriages and carries pictures of **John Dromey** and his wife at their wedding, as well as a current picture. The story relates some of the experiences of married life. John, maybe this will get you to come back to one of our reunions. John's wife Jean is the sister of **Larry Mullin**. Larry and his wife now live in Albuquerque, NM. • **Frank Mackey** sent a note along with his dues. • **Frank Finnegan** called for **Bill Finan**'s address to send his dues. Frank and his wife Mary are enjoying his retirement down on the Cape. • **Junie King** has been active in his local parish and in raising funds for their new \$4.8 million high school. He was selected to be a speaker at the high school's last graduation. • Along with his class dues, **John Carty** sent a note from Hyannis saying he had met Charles Sharkey, brother of **Paul Sharkey**. Charles told John that Paul passed away last November. Our condolences are extended to his family. • **Msgr. Frank Sexton** has retired and is now living at St. Patrick's Manor in Framingham. • On Oct. 18, we had a very successful brunch and memorial Mass. **Rev. John**

Murphy celebrated and gave a very interesting homily. **Jim O'Donoghue** came the longest distance, from Naples, FL. **John Janusas** sent regrets. So did **John O'Neill** from North Carolina; he had just been in Boston from Sept. 19-30. • The following answered Bill Finan's appeal for dues: Mrs. William Bergen; Rev. Richard Burke, SJ; John Carty; John Castelli; Vincent Crowley; Tony DiNatale; Mrs. Eugene Dorr; Frank Fallon; Tom Feeley; Mrs. Edwin Ferrari; Bill Finan; Dr. James Fitzgerald; Dan Foley; John P. Gately; Dr. Tom Greene; Mrs. Amos Guarente; John Guthrie; Joe Hartigan; John Janusas; Charles Kimball; Junie King; Peter Kirslis; Byron Leary; Joe Lincoln; Frank Mackey; Anthony Maiella; Tom McFarland; Dr. Tom McNamara; Paul Mulkern; Rev. John Murphy; Lt. Col. Tom O'Connor; Ed O'Donoghue; Charley O'Hara; Col. John O'Neill; Bob Power; Bill Price; Mrs. Jim Regan; Dr. Ed Ryan; Eustace Scannell; Hubert Scannell; Mrs. Paul Schultz; Msgr. Francis Sexton; John Shaw; Mrs. Ed Supple; Louis Swan; William I. Taylor; Tom True; and Aloyse Corrigan.

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On November 15, under the chairmanship of our president, **Paul Keane**, we had a memorial Mass for the deceased members of our class at the Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus. **Rev. Joseph Fallon, SJ** was the celebrant of the Mass and gave an interesting sermon covering fifty years and the changes that have occurred. After Mass, we had a delicious luncheon at Barat House. Those attending were: Eleanor Doherty; Ann Peyton; Nancy Norberg; Ann Donovan; Eleanor Hart; Louise Kozlowski; Larry Fitzgerald; Ira Jivelekian; John F. O'Donnell, Jr.; Rev. Joseph M. Fallon, SJ; Fred Molloy; Edmund P. Quinn; Kathleen and Paul Nagle; Gina and Bill McCarthy; Pat and George Devlin; Mary and Arthur Sullivan; Mary and John Donovan; Florence and Paul Keane; Anne and Al Branca; Natalie and Charlie Murphy; Kay and Paul Needham; Marie and Bill Flynn; Jane and

Nelson Erickson; Elaine and John Lynch; and Mary and Jim McGrath. Hopefully, it will be an annual affair. • On Wednesday, Nov. 8, a reception and dinner was held in honor of Rev. John V. Driscoll '41, the fourth dean of the School of Social Work. The event was held in the New Dining Facility at BC; the occasion was his retirement as executive director of the School of Social Work's Alumni Association. • **John Lynch** has been the tennis coach at Haverhill High for the last five years. • **Arthur L. Cox** was recently inducted into the Boston English High School Hall of Fame. • **Paul Needham**'s grandson Paul was recently married to Katherine Edwards at St. Paul's Church in Hingham. • Sorry to report the passing of **Rev. A. Paul Gullivan**, late pastor of St. Clare's Church in Braintree. He was also the former pastor of St. Michael's Church in Avon. Fr. Paul was a chaplain at Boston School for the Deaf in Randolph and an administrator at St. Paul in Dorchester. In late years, he was the director of senior affairs for priests for the Archdiocese of Boston, and former chairman of the Boston College Graduate Athletic Board. A funeral Mass was concelebrated with Bernard Cardinal Law at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church in Scituate.

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Msgr. William Granville has a new address and phone number: Carmel Terrace, 933 Central St., Framingham 01701-4892; (508) 875-5041. The **Rev. Francis P. Connors** will reside at the same address; his telephone number is (508) 875-8458. • The class and their wives and widows enjoyed a wonderful Christmas social at Alumni House on Dec. 3. Mass at 11 am in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity on the Law School campus, followed by luncheon in the festively-decorated house, served to ring in the Christmas season. **Bill and Mary Joy** chaired the affair. • While none of our classmates passed away this quarter, we lost a few good friends of the class. George O'Brien, son of our own **George O'Brien**, died Sept. 28, 1995. He was a West Point graduate, a lieutenant colonel in the US

Army, and an attorney in Woburn. • On Oct. 23, 1995, Sally Carrigan, widow of the late **Dr. Walter Carrigan**, died suddenly in Concord. She was a faithful member of our class, participating in many of our functions. • On Oct. 24, 1995 our good friend, Rev. John Foley, SJ, died at the age of 91. A Jesuit since 1923, he had a long career as a Navy chaplain, BC dean, and retreat master. He will be remembered as homilist at our recent memorial Masses. • Laetare Sunday 1996 falls on March 17, with Mass at 9:30 am in St. Ignatius Church, followed by Communion Breakfast in McElroy Commons. I have just learned the featured speaker will be Mr. Thomas O'Connor, noted Boston historian and author. Again this year, I will be your source for tickets to the affair. I am usually allotted 20, which I distribute on a first-come, first-served basis. You are urged to get in touch with me at (508) 688-1025 in time enough to allow for mailing.

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The BC-Syracuse football game was played on Nov. 18, 1995. Needless to say, the outcome will not be mentioned. However, a good time was had by those who attended the game; we stayed overnight prior to it and returned after the game. Those in attendance were Madeline and **Frank Galvani**, Virginia and **George McManama**, Helen and **Fran Blouin**, Mary and **Joe McCafferty**, and Nick Sottile and his sister Mary. Also in attendance were **Bill Maguire** and **Fran Bellew**. • As to the real travelers, Anita and **Jim Kiely** have returned after visiting China, Singapore, Taiwan and many interesting places in the Orient. • **Len Frisoli** came up from Florida for the holidays and attended a hockey game at Conte Forum with his sister Linda York and her husband William. Len wanted to be remembered to you all.

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My apologizes to **Jim Cahalane** for misspelling his name in the last issue. • Golden wedding anniversaries to be celebrated in '96 include Mary and **Frank McCue**, Betty and **Frank Rogan**, Mary and **Jim Sullivan**, Virginia and **Terry Geoghegan** in Feb., Rita and **Frank Mahoney** on June 1, Marie and **Bill Doonan** on Sept. 5, and Marguerite and **Dick Carey** on Oct. 19. Congratulations to all. • Last Sept. Dot and **Ed McDonald** celebrated their golden honeymoon with a few days in San Diego followed by several days in Hawaii. They returned to a grand reception hosted by their children on Nov. 26. • Kindly remember **James Barnicle** in your prayers. Jim rejoined his wife Mary for eternity Sept. 14. Jim retired as a quality engineer for American Car Co. and Coca Cola. He also found time to serve as grand knight and financial secretary, Needham K of C. Classmates present at the funeral Mass included **John Lawler**, who concelebrated, **Amby Claus**, **Frank Dever** and yours truly. To his son James and two grand-children, our sincere sympathies. • Once again we extend Fr. Monan our most heartfelt wishes for a happy, well-earned semi-retirement. I repeat a previous suggestion, viz., Alumni Stadium should be renamed and dedicated as the Fr. Monan Memorial Stadium. At the same time, we welcome William P. Leahy, SJ as our 25th president. Fr. Leahy brings with him a wonderful background, both in education and in Jesuit tradition. He may be well assured that the Class of 1942 will stand loyally behind him. • In the last issue, I reported Fr. Foley's reaction to the birthday card the class sent him in recognition of his 91st birthday. Fr. Foley went to his eternal rest Oct. 21. He was truly a remarkable individual, a priest's priest. • Please remember **Martin Hansberry** in your prayers. Marty died Oct. 20. To his five daughters and one son, our most sincere sympathies. Marty was class valedictorian as well as editor-in-chief of *Sub Turri*. Space does not permit listing the many other wonderful contributions Marty made to the class and Alma Mater. He and I were biology-

lab partners senior year. Coronary by-pass surgery on Oct. 24 prevented me from attending the wake and/or Mass. Those present included Rita and **Frank Mahoney**, who, for several years, drove Marty to and from Class and alumni functions; Betty and **Tom Hinchey**; Jim Cahalane, Terry Geoghegan; **Brian Sullivan**; and Ed McDonald. • I am extremely grateful to the many classmates whose visits, cards, telephone messages, fruit, flowers, candy and other expressions brought me comfort. Recuperation has been slow but steady. • Contributors to the above column include **John Fitzgerald**, Jim Cahalane, Frank Dever and Ed McDonald. • **Jerry Joyce** has agreed to write notes for the next issue. He may be reached at 46 Ridge Rd., Milton, MA 02186, (617) 698-7219.

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Sadly, we must again begin the column with condolences: first to Honey and the family of **Rocco Canale**, who died suddenly of a stroke on Nov. 1 at home. Rocco was a long time owner/manager of his restaurant in Watertown, NY; had been an outstanding guard for the Eagles during the Leahy years; played with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles; and was inducted into the BC Hall of Fame in 1993. • Also to Jo and the family of **John Lerner**, who died after a long illness on Nov. 9. John had been director of public relations at the Heights, as well as the American Red Cross and UMass. • Also to the family of **Robert Andrews**, an ex-member of the class who died in Sept. in East Bridgewater. • Also to **Frank Reade** on the death of his son Kevin in September. • Lastly, to **Anthony Vetraino** on the death of his wife Joyce in Natick on Sept. 14. • Special thanks are extended to **Ed Linehan**, **Ed Moloney** and **Ed McGilvery** for their extra support of our annual Fall Festival. The event was well-attended, though we missed some regulars due to illness: **Jack Kelleher**, Mary Hayes and Mildred Sisk. It was good to see Eunice Power and Phyllis Greaney, while Mary Boudreau wrote that she was in Ohio visiting son David and family. • Af-

ter retirement from BC, **Joe MacSweeney** has moved to Lynnfield. • Thanks to **Joe Finnegan** for sending us data on the retirement reception for **Ralph Nash**, one of our ex-football players. • In a note from **Rev. Tom Heath** in Kenya, he tells us of a narrow escape following a car and bus accident. After the bus lost its brakes, many were injured, but outside a good bump on the head when he bounced against the car light fixture, Fr. Tom came through A-OK—with thanks to his guardian angel. • At the Founders' Day celebration at Berklee College of Music, our own **Ernie Santusuosso** was honored with a special medallion for his contributions to Boston music circles. Ernie has also been doing some radio talk shows on Cape Cod's WQRC and Brockton's WBET, in addition to acting as publicity chairman of BC's Second Helping Black Tie Gala committee. "All this extra work helps to keep me in shape," he reports. • Just before going to press, we learned of the death of **Jim Grimes**, following a long illness. The condolences of the class are extended to Betty and his entire family. Jim was a charter member of the 128 Newbury St. gang, a loyal member of Blue Chips and a great classmate who will be missed. • Before we close, please note these up-coming class events: our annual theater party, with **Eddie O'Connor** chairing, to take place on Sun., April 28 in Robsham Theater (details will be mailed in late February); and, with special thanks to **Tom Conlon** for his arrangements, the class will enjoy a golf day on Fri., June 7 at the Charles River Country Club in Newton (details to come late April). We look forward to seeing you at these class events. Meantime, stay in touch.

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In November, Atty. **Bill Corkery** of Cambridge was making a good recovery following surgery at the Lahey Clinic. He and his wife Rita, who was retiring from work in January, were looking forward to another February in Naples, FL. • **Dr. John O'Grady** is recovering after a stroke and lung surgery about a year

ago, which unfortunately has interfered with his golf game. John is now fully retired from his OB-GYN practice of 40 years. John and his wife Ginny are now living in Bedford and have 15 grandchildren. They also have done some traveling of late, including a trip to the beautiful Canadian Rockies, and were looking forward to a 3-week trip to Australia in January. • Last summer, "Admiral" **Bob O'Leary** of Milton, with his wife Mary also aboard, displayed his navigational and seamanship skills to Ann and **Walt Fitzgerald**, Marge and **Paul Fleming** and Mcgs and **Jim Dowd** on a cruise around Boston Harbor in his powerboat. • **Msgr. Joe Alves** has been able to settle his retirement plans; he will be living at Carmel Terrace, a newly-built assisted-living facility operated by the Carmelite Sisters for the aged and infirm in Framingham. He will again winter in Deerfield Beach, on the east coast of Florida. During the fall, Msgr. Joe taught a music course and also took a course at the BC's Institute for Learning in Retirement. • **Bob Scott**, who celebrated his 76th birthday in November and who is a retired assistant director of vocational rehabilitation for the Mass. Division of the Blind, has had his share of medical problems. Since January '95, kidney problems resulted in a program of three dialysis treatments per week. In June he had a quadruple bypass and is being treated for other conditions. However, as we learned in talking with him, he is still able to keep his bright outlook. Bob is co-author of a textbook on the rehabilitation of the blind. He lives in Melrose with his wife Margaret. They have two daughters, one son and five grandchildren. • **John Finigan's** wife had gallbladder surgery in November. John, an Army World War II vet, has been very active in Concord as a realtor and land developer, and served as a selectman for six years. Although retired for the most part, he still keeps active on some committees and mentioned one whereby he was able to discuss some past events with local students. John and his wife Eleanor live in Concord and continue to do some traveling. They have six children and 20 grandchildren. • The sympathy of the class is extended to the family of **Dr. Paul D. Flynn** of Waltham who died March 31, 1995. Paul was a BC High and BC grad. He was a lieutenant in the Army in Germany. He received

his anesthesiology specialty degree from Tufts, did his residency at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and retired in 1985. Paul leaves his wife Janice, three daughters, five sons, two sisters and 16 grandchildren.

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The BC-West Virginia football game and reception went very well, except for the game. We had 27 classmates and spouses attending the affair. Miriam and **Don McMorro** traveled all the way from California to be with us. Also in attendance were Eileen and **Tom Colbert**, Maryjane and **Fred Doyle**, Phyllis and **Carl Galante**, Mary and **Joe Harrington**, Clair and **Dave Hern**, Jane and **John Larivee**, Clair and **Tom Loftus**, Phyllis and **John Murphy**, **Bill Cornyn**, **Joe Devlin**, Marie and **Charlie Early**, Mary and **Joe Figurito**, Mary and **Bill Hamrock** (chairman of the event), Fran and **John Hogan**, Connie and **Jack Kineavey**, Marylou and **Jack McCarthy**, and Pauline and **Charlie McKenzie**. • By the time you read these notes, we will have had a BC-BU hockey game and reception, which I will report on in the next issue. You will also have received our class book. I would appreciate your comments on this book, which took a great deal of work by John Hogan and his committee. My thanks once again to all of them. • I am pleased to report that **Effie McCready** is doing very well after recent surgery; the prognosis is excellent. The same with **Joe Harrington**, who had a slight setback but is now 100% recovered. • The sympathy of the class goes to the family and friends of Rev. John Foley, who passed away last month. You may remember that Fr. Foley was dean of freshmen when most of us entered BC in the fall of '41. • A big welcome from the class to Joanne Goggins, our new staff person at the alumni office. She is taking over for Patty Anne Lyons, who will now work with later classes. • We now have a new president of the University, Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, who will take over for Fr. Monan in June '96. Our official class greetings to Fr. Leahy! • I attended BC's Hall of Fame din-

ner in Oct., when **Vic Palladino** was inducted. Vic was the first recipient of the Scanlon award for an outstanding scholar-athlete. Also witnessing the affair were Vin Catalogna, John Hogan, Bill Cornyn, Jack and Connie Kinneary and Ed Burns. • Did you know that **Dave Carrey** had two bronze stars, two purple hearts and a combat infantry badge in the US Army? That **Vin Catalogna** had an Air Force purple heart with 31 missions in the Pacific in a B-25? That **Ed Byrne** received a distinguished flying cross with 29 missions over Japan? That **Dr. Joseph Karpinsky** is a Knight of the Black Madonna (patron saint of Poland), the second of only two Americans given the title created in 1685? That John Larivee is coaching cross-country track in a middle school in Danvers with the help of Fred Doyle? • In closing, I would like to mention that the BC Varsity Club is now under the leadership of Mike Mucci and is being reorganized. It welcomes all BC letterholders, so consider going up if you haven't already done so. • That's it for now; please continue to stay in touch and send me your comments on all that we do—good or bad.

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Heard from **John McGonagle**, who has settled in Nashville for the past 21 years, and travelled to various cities while an executive with Marquette Cement Co. John lost his wife Olga to cancer over a year ago. He is doing volunteer work at St. Thomas Hospital when not on the links. • **Hank Welch** is executive director in his home town of Chatham, at the Chatham Housing Authority. His buddy from days on the Heights, **Frank Fleming**, continues checking the books of Otis Clapp & Co. • **Atty. Jim McTaggart**, the baby of the class, keeps his hand in at his profession. •

Vic Palladino was inducted into the Hall of Fame last Nov. • The School of Nursing is planning for their 50th in 1997; seeking information on members of the class is Evelyn Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252.

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The class executive committee was holding a luncheon and business meeting as this column went press. The committee decided this year to invite everyone within easy commuting distance, and to include a Mass commemorating our deceased classmates as part of the day. Revs. **Angelo Loscocco** and **John Flynn** concelebrated Mass at Trinity Chapel prior to lunch, which was held in Barat House Fri., Dec. 1, '95. It is of interest to note that as of this writing, 57 of our classmates have passed away, representing 25% of our class. Alumni Association executive director John Wissler was our featured speaker and spoke with us about our upcoming golden anniversary. It's not too soon for us to be talking about our 50th let alone how to plan for this historic occasion. As your directors discussed this upcoming meeting and perused the class list, we noted some interesting statistics concerning the 173 of us: 93 live in greater Boston and 20 others live in the remainder of Mass.; eight live in CT, four in NH, one each in RI and ME. Would you believe that 20 of us reside in sunny FL, while five live in NY, three each in OH and VA, four in CA with two in each in KY, NJ and MD, while eight other states each have one grad resident. • In case you have forgotten who is on your board of directors, let me list them for you: Tim Buckley, Jim Calabrese, John Corcoran of Milton and John Corcoran of Wellesley, Jim Costello, Bill Curley, Joe Donahue, Joe Herbert, Gov. Ed King, Bill Melville, Paul Morin, Bob Morrison, Gene Nash, John Nee, Bill Noonan, Larry O'Brien, Ed Richmond, Len Sherry and Warren Watson. • As of this writing, our president, **Joe Herbert**, is not well and we ask that we pray for his complete and speedy recovery. • Recently had a great chat with **Frank**

Donelan who reports all is well in the Town of Scituate. • **Frank McCarthy** informed me that he is headed for Clearwater Beach, FL. • **Bill Hamrock** tells us he is still working as a patent attorney with an office in McLean, VA and Naples, FL. He's spent vacations for the past 27 years at Goose Rocks Beach in Kennebunkport, ME. • Rev. John Flynn made a retreat this fall in France along with 70 other priests from the area. • The condolences of the class are extended to **Gov. Ed King** and his sons Tim and Brian on the death of his wife and their mother, Jody. Ed and Jody were married for more than 43 years. She will be remembered as a woman who constantly gave unselfishly of herself to the many charities she was associated with. Cardinal Law and Rev. J. Donald Monan, SJ were among the many celebrants of Jody's funeral Mass at St. Ignatius Church. • A memorial Mass was celebrated at the chapel in St. Mary's Hall for **Gene Nash's** son who died in Calif. Please remember them and all our deceased in your prayers.

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We have received word that Malden Catholic High School voted **Bill Cosgrove** into its Hall of Fame in the following sports: football, hockey, baseball and track. Those who have seen Bill perform on the golf course will not be surprised at his natural athletic talents. • Our congratulations and thanks to **Ed Murphy** for a great time held after the BC-West Virginia football game. Those who attended and enjoyed a fine dinner with great surroundings were John Cahill, Bill Cohan, Bob Curran, Sahag Dakesian, Jack Doherty, Bill English, Bill Flaherty, Jim Galvini, Bill Hogan, Don McA'Nulty, Bill McCool, Jim McEttrick, John McGourty, John McQuillan and Vin Nuccio. • Our congratulations are offered to **Bernie McCabe**, who is acting president of the Catholic Alumni Sodality of Boston this year. Bernie has been very active with this group, which has monthly meetings and fine speakers at each.

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Dr. Joseph G. Laffy, a retired Lynn dentist, received a packet at his front door in July '95. Inside was a US Bronze Star medal. The medal was an honor that Dr. Laffy, once Army PFC Laffy, had earned in World War II 50 years ago. "I suppose it was for sentimental reasons," said Joe, who waited until this year to apply for the military honor he earned half a century ago fighting in Germany. "It was quite a thrill," he said of the day last summer when he opened the package. "I decided that I would like to get it for the kids and grandchildren." The five-pointed star, which he plans to frame, was awarded for the bravery Laffy showed in the spring of 1945, when he was a private in the 89th Infantry division of General Patton's US 3rd Army. Under enemy fire, he recaptured two trailers of ammunition held by the Germans. After his men retreated into a nearby woods, a superior officer asked for volunteers to recover trailers filled with ammunition that had been captured but not yet removed by the Germans. Laffy volunteered. "Although continually fired upon by the enemy, PFC Laffy did not hesitate," reads the citation. "Through his actions, the trailers and ammunition were successfully recovered." Joe graduated from BC, and then Tufts Dental School in 1954. He was discharged from the US Army in May 1946. A few months after, he received his certificate of merit and following that, a letter stating that if he submitted the certificate the Army would consider him for a Bronze Star. The certificate was placed inside an 89th Division book and forgotten until this year, when he decided to send it in to see what happened. Although 50 years had passed, the Army had not forgotten Joe Laffy, and Joe Laffy and his grandchildren will never forget the Bronze Star. "I'm proud of it," he said. • **Arthur T. Roberts** passed away August 5, 1995 of a heart attack while vacationing in Atlantic City, NJ. He was professor emeritus and retired head of the accounting dept. at the Univ. of Baltimore. Colleagues and family members said that Dr. Roberts, who lived in Timonium, MD, will be best remembered as a

mentor to many students. "He loved teaching; that was his whole life and soul," said his wife Joan. "He much preferred being in a classroom to serving as an administrator." Arthur earned a PhD in accounting from Louisiana State Univ. in 1955, and was a professor of accounting at Texas Tech Univ. While in that position, he lived in Lubbock, TX and was active in the Roman Catholic church. In 1965, he was appointed an extraordinary minister, a position that allowed him to serve Communion during Mass. Arthur was financial advisor to the Amarillo diocese from 1970-1979, until he accepted a position at the Univ. of Baltimore and moved to Timonium, MD. Arthur was chairman of the accounting dept. from 1979-1984 and 1986-1987. He retired in 1994. Dr. Roberts reviewed accounting textbooks for publishers, and in 1971 was invited to serve on a committee that graded national CPA exams. He is survived by his wife Joan, whom he married in 1955, and his five daughters. • **Bob Uachon** died April 20, 1994 in Ramsey, NJ. He leaves his wife of 43 years, Marie Kane Uachon; three daughters, Gail Zisa of Hackensack, NJ, Jean Martini of Englewood, CO and Anne Donfrerty of Yorktown, NY; and grandchildren. Bob was a US Navy veteran of World War II and had retired from North American Philips Co. • **John C. Powers** passed away Nov. 5, 1995 in West Roxbury. John was a retired teacher of the Cambridge public schools. He leaves his wife Margaret; two sons, John Jr. of Stoneham and David R. of Florida; and three daughters, Susan Powers of Allston, Mary Ann Halley of California and Diane Powers of East Weymouth. • On behalf of the entire class, I wish to extend to the families of these late classmates our deepest sympathy. • This past December, I went on a 3-week trip to Antarctica via Chile, S.A.—a great new experience!

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Bob Farrell died July 28, '95. From the time he was at BC High, Bob always wanted to become a trial lawyer. He reached this goal with distinction as the senior trial attorney in a prominent Boston law firm. Bob leaves his widow, the former Joan Hurley of Charlestown, and nine children. One child predeceased him. **Rev. Vin Daily** concelebrated the funeral Mass at Holy Name Church in W. Roxbury. Bob and his family had lived in Holy Name Parish for a number of years. Members of the class in attendance at the funeral and acting as honorary pall bearers were George Desmond, Jack Fahey, Joe Hanley, Irv Kane, Dan Kearns, Jim Kenney, Frank Pierce, Vin Stanton and Tim Toomey. • Father Vin Daily returned during summer '95 from his third assignment with the St. James Society in S. America. Vin is now working in a Hispanic program conducted at St. Mary-Immaculate Conception Church in Lawrence. • **Tom Quirk** and Aileen Garriott were married in July '95 in Guilford, CT. Tom is retired from his position as executive director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of New Britain, CT; he and his wife now live in Placitas, NM. • **Rev. Joe Sullivan, OFM** was home for a brief visit (approximately two months) and has returned to Brazil, where he has served for over 30 years. • Congratulations are in order for **Dr. Tom Durant**. Tom was honored for his humanitarian activities by the Hospitality Committee for United Nations Delegations. Tom has traveled virtually all of his career to war-torn areas throughout the world in order to provide medical assistance to refugees and others in need. Tom has certainly lived up to the Jesuit tradition of service to others. • As we approach the 45th anniversary of our graduation from BC, a number of events have been planned to celebrate. A get-together following the West Virginia football game brought out approximately 30 class members. Among those who signed up were Don Ahearn, John Bacon, Coleman Beatty, Joe Canney, Jack Casey, Bob Corcoran, Tom Curley, Ray Decoux, Bob Delaney, Greg Desmond, Phil Dolan, Paul Dunbar,

George Dunn, Dick Faulstich, Al Flynn, Tom Gibbons, Al Goodrow, Ed Gregory, Jim Kenney, Jerry Kiely, John Kilday, Paul Lauzon, George Lonergan, Ray Martin, Dave McAvinn, Joe McGonagle, Bob Mitchell, Fred Noone, Paul Phelan, Ernie Provencher, John Reagan, Dick Russo, John Sanderson, Bill Shine, Tom Walsh and Bro. Peter Walsh, CFX. • **Bob Corcoran** and **John Bacon** are acting as coordinators in planning anniversary year events in addition to the usual graduation week celebration in May. Letters have been sent in order for you to make plans to attend. We hope for a good turnout! We hope for the continued excellent response to our reunion gift to BC. As you know, we are one of the top contributing classes in the class gift category. You will also be receiving communications inviting your participation in this important area.

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Rev. Hugh O'Regan celebrated our annual memorial Mass in Sept., followed by the Biennial Dinner. **John Kellaher, Jim Leonard** and **Jim Kenneally** assisted at the Mass. The new officers of the class will be **Fred Meagher**, president; **Frank McDermott**, first VP; **Gene McMorro**, second VP; **Al Sexton**, treasurer; and **Roger Connor**, secretary and "of Counsel," who will also be available for any advice, if needed. **Frank Dooley** did an excellent job as chairman of the dinner, and immediate past president **Bob Allen** was presented a gift for his hard work over the past six years. Thanks to all of the officers for their time and effort in making the past years so successful socially. We hope that more classmates will join us in class activities as retirements grow and there is more time for relaxation. Also attending the dinner were Rev. Tom Murray, Jeanne Clancy, George Gallant, Fred Tarpey, Gerry Cleary, Art Powell, Bill Heavey, Jay Hughes, Bert Kelley, Jim Callahan, Tom Cullinan and Charlie Sherman. • Roger Connor and Bob Allen arranged for a fun time tailgating, and those participating were Fred Meagher, Gene McMorro, Gerry

Cleary, Bill Heavey, Frank Dooley, Joe O'Shaughnessy, Art Powell, Jack Leary, Tom Cullinan, Pat Chard O'Neil, Bert Kelley, Barry Driscoll, Al Sexton, Jim Mulrooney, Dick Driscoll, Lex Blood, Dick McLaughlin, Father Hugh O'Regan, Rev. Tom Murray, Tom Megan, Rev. Jack McElroy, Tom McElroy and Bernie O'Sullivan. • Recently heard from Jim Birmingham, Lincoln; Phil Frazier, Hudson, NH; Pat Foley, Milton; Beatrice Ames, Billerica; Tom Dolan, N. Quincy; Jay Hughes, Harwich; and Terry McCoy, Westwood. Also saying "hello" were Mary Lynch, Laconia, NH; **Peter Genovese**, who is spending time between N. Reading and Florida; **Frank McGonagle**, Swansea; **Arthur Gabron**, Watertown; and **Tom Donahue**, E. Falmouth. • **Bill Kelley's** wife, Claire, told me she got a Rottweiler puppy for him. Sounds like a fair swap to me! • I met **Paul Daly** at a recent English High function; he is doing well and living in Milton. • Among the snowbirds seen heading south were Dick McLaughlin, Al Sexton, Jim Mulrooney, Barry Driscoll, Dick McBride and Bernie O'Sullivan. • Jim Callahan informed me that the town of Swampscott recently dedicated a memorial on Fisherman's Beach in memory of **Francis Pete Cassidy**. The memorial park was erected in his name for the many services he rendered over the years in church, political and community activities. He served seven terms as selectman and was active on the Housing Commission and Rotary, in addition to other memberships in local organizations. • **Bob Shea** and his wife Mary of Saverna Park, MD recently took a trip to the Mediterranean and relived all their history courses at BC. • The School of Nursing is planning for its 50th anniversary in 1997. Anyone interested in becoming involved or has suggestions may contact Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252. • Sorry to report the deaths of **Lou Gaglini** and **Fred McDonough**. Fred passed away in Oct. He taught in the Revere school system and was named principal of the McKinley School in '64, serving in that capacity until his retirement in '91. Fred leaves his wife Irene, two daughters, Kathleen and Diane, and a son, Fred. • The class officers are working on a schedule of events for the coming year, as well as the 45th

reunion. You will be notified of activities when details have been finalized. Each event seems to bring new faces, as well as the faithful members, and it hoped that you will do yourself a favor and join us to renew old friendships. There are many of you that we haven't seen or heard from in some time, and I am sure classmates would like to know of your whereabouts. Please drop me a line so that I can tell them.

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Each time I write my notes, I think of the classmates I have seen or heard from who have kept their relationships with other classmates, and who tell me about the good times they have had, are having, or plan to have in the future. Many times when I do meet a classmate—at a social function, street corner, athletic event, in confession or a supermarket—I have nothing to write on, or with! Well, I've been taken to task by one of our classmates, namely **Joe O'Brien**, whom I met grocery shopping at the Super Stop & Shop in Cohasset. It was great to see Joe, and let me tell you, he's still the "full of fun" Joe O'Brien we knew back in the early '50s. However, how many people carry writing materials—i.e. pens, pencils, notebooks—to the grocery store? That was my case this particular Saturday. Joe starts his dialogue—remember, no pencil or paper (I have problems remembering my own name without it being on some kind of list)—so, here we go! If I recall correctly, Joe brought me up to date on the travels of **Bob McCarthy**. Bob and his spouse are retired and living in N. Scituate. I also recall Joe's delight at enjoying the summer with Maureen and **Joe Tower**, across the street on Surfside. They also ran into **Dud Good** and his wife on the beach—I think Joe said they were lifeguards. Joe also mentioned (he really knows how to hurt a guy) that he, **Sal Venezia**, **Bob Irons**, **Joe Dhosi** and **Roger Bossi** shared a table at their 45th Boston Latin reunion; at other tables were **Jack Sullivan** and Joe Tower. A gang of them gets together every November to celebrate the inevitable squashing of my Blue & Blue

alma mater, Boston English. Joe forgets that when we were back in our respective schools in the mid '40s, it was the Blue & Blue that made Latin black & blue! Joe also mentioned his encounters with **Walter Corcoran**, **Gumpy Lynch**, **Gus Fleming**, **Joe DiSimone** and their wives (all except Gus, that is). Finally, a member of the fourth-generation O'Brien family, Katie Mullen, just completed her first year at the Heights. Congrats, Joe, and thanks for the news! • Our first memorial Mass, after the West Virginia game, was celebrated by **Rev. Larry Drennan**, with more than 75 classmates and friends in attendance. Lectors were **Margaret Toomey** and **Jim Wholly**. **Marita Crowley** and **Jim Lynch** presented the gifts, and **Jim Willwerth** offered the prayers of the faithful. **Rev. Larry Drew** gave a homily on the message of Pope John Paul II, "Be Not Afraid." • The next time you visit campus, stop by the memorabilia display at the east end of Conte Forum. Yours truly donated my cheerleader's megaphone, along with pictures and newspaper headlines of the times. What a crazy bunch the Jesuits had to put up with from '49-'53. • Congratulations to **Bill McSweeney**, who was honored at a dinner by the United Nations Association of Kansas City, who presented him with their World Citizen Award. Good things happen to good people! • Your class committee is working on a golf outing for spring '96. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, drop a note. • We received a nice note from **Sr. Olivia Cunane**, SON graduate and a former administrator of both the Carney and St. Margaret's hospitals. She has retired and lives at the mother house of the Daughters of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louis House, Albany, NY. • Please send your class dues of \$25 to the BC Class of 1953, BC Alumni Association, 825 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02158-2527. • Thanks, and send in the news.

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Grace Connelly Hiney sent a note in the fall which arrived too late to include in the last report. She and her husband Jack had taken a cruise

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on the Columbia River and found it very interesting. She is still working full-time at the newspaper. Jack, though retired, is working part-time for his old company. She reports that their family enjoyed a week-long vacation in Yosemite. They have been going with five other families for over 25 years! • By the time this news arrives, the following poem by **Peggy McIntyre Weinstock**, entitled "Harvest," will be appropriate: "Spring is a time for spading and hoeing/Spring is a time for planting and growing/Believe, Young Ones, the oats you sow/Through the seasons continue to grow./Be youthful and useful/Be happy and free!/Temper risks with Responsibility./When the year is out and grain bins brim/You'll rejoice with the crop that you put in." • I didn't send out reminders to you to send news for this edition. Sorry! But will you please send me any news you can so that there will be better communication between all of us? The next news is due to the Alumni Office by March 1, so please send it to me by the last week of February. Thanks!

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Winter is here, and with that, the hockey season is well underway. We are pleased to report that **Bob Babine** was elected into the Varsity Club Hall of Fame on Oct. 20. Who can forget Bob's hustling style that

enabled the team to win their first Bean Pot, and his receiving the Walter Brown Trophy as the tournament's most valuable player? Seven of Bob's children were present at the reception. In addition, four of his teammates were there: **Jack Canniff, Jim Cisternelli, Bob Kiley and Bill Maguire**. During that '54 season, Bob Kiley received All-American honors, and Bill Maguire received an honorable mention. **Bob Siblo** was also a member of that outstanding team. • Thanks to the watchful eye of **Ray MacPherson**, we were made aware of an article in the *Boston Sunday Globe* (Aug. 23) that featured **Bob Jasse**, who studied biology at the Heights and has owned several successful firms. He fulfilled his long-held dream of a career in agriculture by purchasing 500 acres of land in the scenic town of Walpole, NH. He and his wife Susan moved there two years ago and planted 22,000 apple trees that yield 45,000 bushels of distinctive varieties annually. The greatest threat to his crop is hail, he says. "I never actually say the word 'hail' when I say Hail Marys. I spell it out." • Back in December, we received word that **June Keough**, a graduate of the School of Nursing, passed away. June was married to her husband John for 37 years; she was the mother of five sons and one daughter. She had seven grandchildren. A number of her classmates paid tribute to her. She was very proud to be a Boston College person. • The class officers, under the direction of **Dan Miley**, along with **John Ford, Bob Rufus King, Tom Murphy and Lou Totino** met to discuss various locations for spring get-togethers. Eastover Lodge in Lenox was selected for a weekend trip. This beautiful area of the Berkshires is an excellent choice and should not be missed. Hope to see you there.

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During the latter part of the summer, I had a chance to visit with **Mary Jane Brennan Geis**. The sad part of our visit was the fact that I had gone to offer her condolences over the death of her brother. I'm sure I spoke for all of you in offering

my sympathy. • When **Ruth Henning Sweeney** wrote recently, she told me she has ten wonderful grandchildren now. They are evenly split—five boys and five girls—and their ages range from one to 13. • Those of you who read this column on a fairly regular basis know that I often have my own version of a "Dew Line." This early notification is to have nursing grads watch their mail for a special notice in spring '97! The School of Nursing will be having a wonderful celebration to honor 50 years of commitment and service to nursing education and to nursing care. Thanks go to **Patricia Lavoie Grugnale** and **Stephanie Coffey Cooper** for volunteering to help on the committee. More volunteers from the decade of the '50s are needed. If you can help, please contact Joellen Hawkins at the School of Nursing. • I have very little news, as you can see. I am dependent upon you. Sometimes I have time to make phone calls in search of info., but this has been a semester of rising at 3 a.m. in order to accomplish all I need to do so, as you can imagine, phone calls were not a priority. • By the time you have read this, some of us will have gone to see the new musical, *Curley*, written about the life and times of the former mayor of Boston. I'll give you a report in the next issue. • Finally, I want to offer my sincere apologies to **Jane O'Donnell** for the misinformation in my last column. By violating my own procedure of writing news down as someone on the phone is giving it to me, and also by not checking my references, I said that Jane's brother had died. I confused her with someone else. I feel very bad for having done something so upsetting. Having made such a grievous mistake, I can assure you that no matter how rushed I am, especially if I am trying to depend on the memory of back-to-back unexpected phone calls, I shall always follow my old tried-and-true method of attempting to be as accurate as possible.

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As you receive this, we are nearing our 20-20 (20th anniversary of our 20th) reunion on Reunion Weekend, May 17-19. Early details include the following: **Ed Carroll** heads up the committee for the golf tournament on Fri. morning. The location is uncertain as of this date (Nov.), and probably depends on the numbers. Men, women, spouses and significant others are welcome to take part. If you have misplaced the form that came in the mail, you can sign up by calling Ed at BC, (617) 552-4784, or Arlene Fleming at the Alumni office, (617) 552-2696. • The "Get Re-acquainted Get-together" on Sat. evening will be at Eagles' Nest in McElroy Hall. You have probably received details in the mail. • Don't forget Laetare Sunday Mass and Communion Breakfast on March 17, promoted by **Claire Hoban McCormack** and **Jack McCarthy**, and the April 27 Mass in Gasson Hall, dinner in T100, and Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance* at Robsham Theater. • For the Oct. BC-Army game, 54 had signed up for the pre-game luncheon and post-game reception (not all for both events), but the driving rain kept some away. Marie and I sat with **Joe DiSalvo** and his son, who is at Northeastern. Joe and I swapped stories about the Marines. We also saw Bea and **Ed Broderick**; **John P. Walsh**, who came up from Maryland with his brother Dave '57; Doris and **John Mahaney**; Mary and **Jack McCarthy**, who has just finished his MEd at UMass in rehabilitation counseling; and Elsa and **Art Fitzgerald**. • Others attending included **Fred Hickey**, who has moved back to Waltham from Cape Cod and is working for a friend who is president of a small company. • **Ernestine Bolduc** was just back from a meeting of the Retired Army Nurses Association (she's the secretary) in San Antonio, followed by a visit with friends. • If you were at our 30-year reunion, you remember **Tony Massimino** and his daughter emulating Fred and Ginger on the dance floor. "Ginger" is now a professional photographer for Expressly Portraits in Albany. His other daughter is a VP with the Red Lobster

chain in Calif. • **Norm Roy** came up from Morristown, NJ where he is president of the Financial Executives Institute. • **Carolyn Kenney Foley** couldn't make the game, due to a family wedding. • I'll report later on the Jan. 12 reception and BU hockey game. • Congratulations to **Bishop Daniel Hart** who was installed as head of the Diocese of Norwich, CT in Oct. • The late **Dr. John H. Spurr** was honored by Northern Essex Community College, where he taught for many years. At a ceremony attended by family and friends in Oct., his widow June unveiled a bronze plaque on the Liberal Arts building renaming it as the Dr. John H. Spurr building and an oil painting that will hang permanently in the lobby. His close friend, **Frank Leary**, of the college's dept. of business administration, also spoke at the ceremony. John headed the history and government dept., the division of liberal arts and wrote a history of the college. He was appointed assistant dean, but couldn't stay away from teaching. Battling cancer, he retired in '91 but left his sickbed to deliver the commencement address and accept emeritus status as a tribute to his meritorious service to the college. Shortly before his death, he received the Manuel Carballo Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service, the highest honor for a state employee. • **Bob Halloran** sends along some notes: **Dr. John Moore**, head of the English dept. at Penn State, was bumped as their commencement speaker by a two-time Nobel winner. His message will wait for another day! **John Galvin** pushed his unbroken string of BC football games to 130 with the fiasco against Ohio State at the Meadowlands; also in tow were **Bob Murphy** from Albany, NY and **Don Casey** from New Jersey, who is now with Deskey Associates, design and identity consultants to national brand firms. **Will Bunky Jackson** came down for a "Shore" weekend and the game. (Must have been a long drive back to Needham.) • I have to get organized. Cleaning out recently, I found a '93 clipping about **Frank Duley** retiring as guidance director at Old Orchard Beach, ME, High School after 34 years. Frank was planning to learn German and visit Germany, since his wife is German. He also intended to revisit hunting, fishing and gardening. Let us know how the trip (and the German studies) went.

• Advance notice: the School of Nursing will observe its 50th anniversary in spring '97. To take part, contact Mary Ellen Doona at (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins at (617) 552-4252. • Thanks again for the notes and calls; I enjoy hearing from you and passing the news along (and it makes my job much easier).

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Reunion Weekend is scheduled for May 17-19, 1996. Save the date and plan on returning to the Newton campus for a memorable weekend. Watch your mail for the Reunion Weekend brochure, including details of your class party on Saturday, May 18.

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Our class fall football event, BC vs. West Virginia on October 14, was most successful. Rev. Eugene P. Sullivan and Rev. Joseph R. Fahey, SJ concelebrated a beautiful Mass in the Gasson Library. There was a reception and dinner in the Gasson Rotunda following the Mass. Bill Sullivan did a great job as chairman in getting a large turnout for this event. The following classmates were

in attendance: Ed Brickley, Norma DeFeo Cacciamani, Paul Cochran, Don Connors, Bill Cunningham, Jim Devlin, John Harrington, George Hennessy, Don Kenney, Frank Lynch, Dave McAvoy, Ellen McCarthy, Tom McDonald, Paul McNulty, Bill McQueeney, Leo Morrissey, Paul O'Leary, Paul Sheil, Anna Mary Dooley Stewart, Bill Sullivan, Bill Tobin, Jim and Betty Turley, Kay Cotter, Pat Mullen and Rosalie Catanzano. **Cathy Hynes** also attended, coming all the way from Los Altos, CA. She also plans to be with us later this fall to kick off our 40th anniversary program. • **Charles J. Fox** was chairman and organizer of the highly successful "Black and White on Green" golf tournament at Franklin Park. He raised over \$100,000 to be used for Boston inner-city youth golf activities. • **John L. Harrington** was a recent recipient of The Daniel F. Marr, Jr. Community Service Award. • **Margaret J. Kenney**, professor of mathematics at BC, was a recent recipient of a National Science Foundation grant of \$763,547 for implementation of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Standards in Discrete Mathematics, Phase II. • **Henry J. Smith** of Needham still attends many BC sporting events with some of his old comrades from Brighton. Henry and I attended the BC-West Virginia game together last fall and had a very enjoyable time. • Rev. Joseph R. Fahey, SJ, president of Boston College High School for several years, has really done a great job in spearheading their current capital campaign. Last Nov., BC High opened the new, state-of-the-art John and Mary Corcoran Library and Resource Center. The school has also completed wiring the campus for computers through fiber optics. Teachers in any classroom on the campus are now able to display any part of the library's software collections, which include the Internet. • **Thomas P. Johnson** writes that he retired as associate superintendent of schools in Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale), FL. Tom was recently accepted by the American Arbitration Association as a labor arbitrator for both their Miami and Boston offices. He also mentioned that he recently was an invited guest at the White House at a reception for 176 nationally-certified teachers. Late last year he was appointed an adjunct fellow at the Annenberg Insti-

tute for School Reform at Brown University. • It is with deep regret that I inform you of the recent passing of **John C. Cronin**. Jay died on Nov. 10, 1995 in Allendale, NJ. He was one of the early leaders and stalwarts of our class. He was president of the Gold Key Society and a recipient of the Fr. Finnegan "Ever to Excel" Award. He played many other supportive roles during our four memorable years and thereafter. The class recognizes all of Jay's great contributions over the years. We all pray that he is at eternal rest, never to be forgotten. Jay is survived by his wife, Joan Flynn '60; two daughters, Kerin and Kristen; and two sons, Neil and John, Jr. • The Class also extends its sincere sympathy to the family of **Louis J. Resca, Jr.** Lou passed away on Oct. 10, 1995. He was a "double Eagle" and a CPA for both Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Peat Marwick Mitchell Co. of Boston. • Later this year, the class will be off and running with our 40th anniversary program. Your class dues will go a long way in underwriting this great anticipated celebration. Please make every effort to remit your dues in the amount of \$25 to Bill Tobin, 181 Central St., Holliston 01746. • Thank you for your support. Have a great 1996.

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Bill Ventola was recently promoted to director of underwriting at Berkshire Life Insurance Co. in Pittsfield. Bill and his wife Peggy live in Dalton and are the parents of five children: William, Deborah, Jill, Pamela and John. • **Dick Harrington**, living in Westwood, is now VP at Raffi & Swanson Inc., a New England producer of coatings, inks and adhesives. Dick has been with this company for 35 years. • **Dick Nolan** reported that this past summer, he raised \$1200 for diabetes research

on a 550-mile bike ride from Natick to Montpelier, VT and back again via the Maine coast. He also raised \$600 for the American Lung Association on a 160-mile ride on the Cape. Dick, who is controller at the Mass. Respiratory Hospital, hopes to do a cross-USA ride next year if he can raise enough pledge money. • **Jim Quinn**, chair of First Partners Group Inc., has opened new offices at 400 Commonwealth Ave. in Boston. • *Early notice:* the 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in the spring of '97. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved or who has suggestions may contact faculty members Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252. • **Frank Meissner** is owner of the Frank Meissner Insurance Agency in Canton. • **Paul Murphy**, living in Attleboro, is retired from the Bell & Howell Co. • **Richard Papantonis**, living in Chelmsford, is a guidance counselor at Belmont High School. • Last report was that **Vin Palermo** was with Prudential Bache Securities in Woodbury, NY. Give me a call, Vin! • **Charles Sheehan** is chairman of the Daniels Publishing Group in Overland Park, KS. • **Mary Murphy Shields** is owner of the Shields Health Care Group based in Brockton. • **Marjorie O'Brien Shyne** remains active with St. Coletta's School, where her husband John is president. Marge and John live in Scituate. • **Bob Spagnuolo** is president of Putnam Systems in Putnam, CT. • **Ed Sullivan** is registrar of Temple Univ. • **Ken Soha** is president of Soha and Associates in South Dennis. • **Carl Desimone** is self-employed in educational sales in West Hartford, CT. • **Dennis Anderson** is president of LW Ellwood & Co. in Ridgewood, NJ. • **Roger Aube** is an attorney with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. • **Bob Black**, living in Mattapoisett, is a systems professor and cross-country coach at the Mass. Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay. • **Richard Buckley** is retired and living in Palm Harbor, FL. • **Bill Bulger**, former Mass. Senate president, is now the President of UMass. • **Peter Cenci** is a realtor with Century 21 in Newington, CT. • **Jim Chisholm** is a quality manager with Hewlett-Packard in Fort Collins, CO. • **John Doyle**, living in Canton, is a clinical social worker at the Brockton VA hospital. • Condolences of the class go out to the

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family of **Tom McDonough**, who passed away recently. Tom, who lived in Lexington, was formerly principal of the Shamrock School in Woburn. • Fifty members of the class enjoyed themselves at the Fleet Center for the BC-UMass basketball game Dec. 9. Post-game, everyone went to dinner at Artu restaurant in the North End for a great meal and conversation. • Our class treasury is rapidly being depleted due to donations to Second Helping, etc. Please send your \$25 dues to **Jack Mucca McDevitt** at 28 Cedar Rd., Medford 02155. • Also, I am in desperate need of news. Please help!

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Marie Kelleher has asked me to spread the word that the School of Nursing will have a 50th anniversary celebration in the spring of '97. Anyone who wishes to be involved or to contribute ideas is requested to contact faculty members Mary Ellen Doona at (617) 552-4269, or Joellen Hawkins at (617) 552-4252. • Bishop Joseph Gerry, OSB was principal celebrant at a Mass of Thanksgiving

in the Cathedral Chapel in Portland, ME on June 14 to honor 18 priests in the diocese who have attained 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of service to the Church. Among the eight priests celebrating 25 years was our own **Rev. John W. Keegan, SJ**. After graduating with our class, he entered the Society—receiving his master's in philosophy from BC in '63, his master's in divinity from Weston in '69, and his master's in mathematics from Wesleyan Univ. in '71. John taught math and was headquartered at Cranwell Prep from '69-'74. Then, he was rector of the Jesuit Community at Cheverus from '76-'82, as well as being president from '80-'84. Next in the works was pastor at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Norwich, CT for seven years. Since Aug. of '93, he has been back as president of Cheverus. Congratulations to Fr. Keegan from the class. • On Oct. 6, **Bill Connell** was the official greeter offering "100,000 welcomes" to Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, the University's 25th president. Marquette's loss is definitely BC's gain. The Class of 1959 strongly endorses the selection of Fr. Leahy as our new president. We want to congratulate Rev. J. Donald Monan, SJ on the monumental job he did, and on the many achievements attained during his presidency. Bill Connell will serve again on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. • Thomas J. Rattigan '60 has been elected to the Board of Trustees and is serving on the Finance and Audit Committee. Tom and wife Jane greeted John L. Mahoney, Sr., holder of the first Thomas F. Rattigan Professorship in English, on an Oct. 11 event inaugurating the Chair. John Mahoney, a long-time member of the English dept., delivered a lecture. As previously reported, the Rattigans endowed the Chair in 1993 in memory of Tom's Dad. • **Gerry McElaney** was back in Norwalk Hospital in November. He is such a nice person. Please remember him in your prayers for a speedy recovery. • **Estelle Lombardi, RN, BSN, MEd** of Westwood, received the St. Marguerite d'Youville Humanitarian Award. She has a BS in nursing from BC in '59 and an MEd from Northeastern Univ. Estelle has quite a litany of credentials, including membership on the Mass. League for Nursing's Council of Practical Nursing Steering Committee. She has contributed about 40 years to the

Youville Hospital and Rehabilitation Center School of Practical Nursing in Cambridge. She retired in 1987 as the first lay director of the hospital, which was founded in 1895 by the Gray Nuns. Congratulations to Estelle from the Class of '59.

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The Boston Alumnae Club's "Novemberfest" provided a wonderful opportunity for a mini-reunion of our class. **Janet Grant Twomey, Judy Laird Wiley, Donna Cosgrove Morrissey** and I enjoyed catching up with each other and a delicious luncheon in Barat House on our Newton Campus. It was so nice to have Sisters Quinlan and Husson join us, too. Sr. Quinlan's words on the mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart were most inspirational, as always. • **Judy Wiley** continues to enjoy her position at GEAC Computers in Newtonville, where she is a project leader in the software division. • Our deepest sympathies are extended to **Honey Good McLaughlin** and **Ellen Nelson Leone** on the deaths of their fathers, both in November. • Hope your holidays were joyous; may the new year be filled with good health and blessings for you and your families.

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Tom Rattigan is now a member of the Board of Trustees at BC, effective in October. That makes two members of our class who are Trustees, including long-time member **Bob Morrissey**. • **Tom Maguire**, whose business is in Norwood, has been elected to the Electronic Representatives' Association as a chapter delegate for the '95-'98 term. • **Ed O'Leary** writes from Albuquerque that his twin sons graduated from college last May—one from Oklahoma and the other Ohio. Ed relates that he and his wife were invested recently in Houston as members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

This is one of only seven papal orders, and is among the oldest having been formed after the first Crusade. The O'Learys hope to go the Holy Land within the next year to share in the ministry and work of the Church. Ed continues to be president of the New Mexico bank which is part of First Security Corp. in Salt Lake City. • **Bill Sullivan** and **Bob Winston** are members of the National Development Board. • On a sad note, **Jay Cronin '57, Joan T. Flynn Cronin's** husband, passed away on Nov. 10, 1995 in Allendale, NJ. He was formerly president of the Gold Key society. Our condolences go to Joan and her family.

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After 30 years with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, **Art Ryan** has resigned as senior VP of human resources. He and Peg are building a winter home in Fort Myers, FL and buying a summer home in Yarmouth. This way, he can see the Red Sox practice and then come back to watch them get serious. Art says he will miss his chairing position for alumni admission activities in the Dallas area. In fact, he did so well in sending Texas brain power to Chestnut Hill that the Admission Office honored him last fall as its Alumnus of the Year. • **Jack Arnold** writes that he and wife Linda have been married 27 years and have two daughters: Kristan, Loyola '94; and Veronica, Texas Women's College '93 and St. Mary's '94. Jack is semi-retired from time spent as a management training consultant in his adopted town, Houston. • Still busy in old European cities of Lisbon, Prague, Berlin and Munich is **Tom C. Jones**, who is expanding the Pinkerton organization in the Old World. Tom's office is minutes from the Frankfurt Airport; he'd be pleased to see any of us who make it as far as the Rhine. • **Elizabeth**

Davitt Weed of New Canaan, CT has renewed her BC ties, both through the presence of daughter Heather '96 and as an active BC Parents' Committee member. • Pittsburgh, PA—the Golden Triangle City—sends its best via **Bob Agostino**, a full professor at Duquesne Univ. His first book, *A Track Through Time: Centennial History of Carnegie, PA*, was published in 1994. • **Veronica McLoud Dort** still lives in Tokyo, where husband Yuzo is finance manager for Nippon Polaroid. Son Malcolm graduates from St. Mary's International School—Tokyo in '96; son Paul is a 10th-grader there. Veronica expects to receive her master's in theology studies from Weston's Jesuit School of Theology in '96. • My wife Mary and I were honored to be invited to the wedding of **Daniel Cohen** and Sandra Glicker on Nov. 26, 1995 at Brookline's Temple Emeth. It was a black-tie affair and wonderful evening. The couple will live in Newton, where Sandra has medical practice at Newton-Wellesley Hospital and Dan is convenient to work in Framingham. Their rabbi spoke of "new beginnings;" they are wished well by all of us from this day on. • Melrose city solicitor **John Cinella** is celebrating his 35th wedding anniversary with his wife, Rosemary. Their eldest son John (U. Maine) works in Boston's Mass. Financial Services; middle son Christopher is a Melrose High School senior; and youngest son Jason is a 7th-grader. • From across the blue Pacific came a letter from Honolulu's **Roy Lamb**. Roy is in the travel business and practices what he sells; he just finished a six-week QE II world-wide tour. He writes that after 28 years in the hotel industry, he formed a partnership seven years ago to start Connoisseur Holidays, a receptive wholesale travel company catering to Hawaii-bound clients of international wholesalers. Today, his company is that state's second largest business of the kind. I guess my annual trek to Worcester isn't worth the postcards I send. • **John Provosoli** from Hollywood is semi-retired from the construction industry, but dabbles in real estate. He calls southern California "Depression Valley." We assume he's referring to property values. • Falmouth, ME's **Jack Sutton** is still sailing, with his latest wake cutting through the Bay of Fundy and up the waters of the St. John's River to New

Brunswick, Canada. • In the same "smooth sailing" category is **Margaret Leigh**. She has retired as chief of education in the Dept. of Defense Schools in Panama—Republic of Panama, and now enjoys the good life in Clearwater, FL playing lots of golf. • The School of Nursing is celebrating its 50th anniversary in the spring of '97 and is looking for help. Contact Mary Doona at (617) 552-4269, or Joellen Hawkins at (617) 552-4252. • On a quiet note, **John E Flynn** of Framingham is in his 29th year at Polaroid and enjoying picture-perfect times with his three grandchildren. • Out of Waltham, **Larry Eisenhauer** announces that he has turned his electronics company, Datcom, over to his employees. Having spent 25 years with that company, he and wife Lynn started a new company selling print, packages and promotional items. Pro-Action's phone is (617) 642-1300. • **Bill Ryan**, down in the Charlotte, NC southlands, is senior VP with SeaLane Services; wife Ellen is a health education consultant. The Ryan name extends to children Kristan, Bill Jr. and Jason. • **Patricia Bedard Triggs** has been chairperson for the dept. of nursing at Holyoke Community College for the past five years. This Springfield resident is also the happy grandmother of three, including two-year-old twins. Pat is also known to enjoy her summers in her Eastham home. • Hampton Bay, NY is home to **John F. McDowell**, who has retired from his position in the NY state court system. He will return like a Capistrano swallow each summer from his Del Ray Beach, FL condo.

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Our condolences to the family of **Ann M. Cahill**, who passed away in late 1994. • Also, our condolences to the family of **Arline Gehrman Hilditch**, who also passed away in late 1994. • Congratulations to **Charlie Bunker**, who was inducted into the BC Hall of Fame for baseball in October '95. Charlie's induction brings the number of '62ers in the Hall of Fame to seven: Charlie, **Frank Faggiano** and **William Cunis** for baseball; **Charles Chevalier** and **Jim Hooley** for basketball; **Dan Sullivan** for football; and **Samir Vincent** for track & field. • Condolences to the family of **John Tully Carmody**, who passed away in Sept. '95 in Santa Clara, CA. John held advanced degrees in philosophy from both Woodstock College and BC, and a doctorate from Stanford Univ. John had written many books himself and co-authored over 60 books with his wife, Denise Lardner Carmody '67. • Congratulations to **Robert J. King**, who was recently named VP and director of client services and marketing at Virtus Capital Management in Richmond, VA. Robert and his wife Peggy have recently moved to Richmond and encourage classmates to give them a call when in the area. • The 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in the spring of '97. Marie Kelleher '55 advises that anyone interested in becoming involved or who has suggestions may contact faculty members MaryEllen Doona '67, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252. • The first Friday holiday luncheon was held on Dec. 8, 1995 at Schroeder's Restaurant in Boston. About 20 classmates had a very enjoyable time. A few class members continue to meet for lunch at the Essex Grille on the first Friday of each month. All classmates are welcome. If you'd like to receive a reminder, please call **Jack MacKinnon's** secretary, Bonnie, at (617) 436-3900 x1609. • Drop me a line with some news so that we can have more info. in our column.

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Received a call in early Oct. from **Marilyn Kuhn Richardson's** car phone! She had just picked up **Sharon Leahy Mahar**, **Carolyn McInerney McGrath** and **Donna Moran Robbins** at the airport in Austin, TX, where she lives. They were off to San Antonio and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico for a few days. Carolyn called me recently to say they loved Austin and San Antonio. They celebrated Sharon's birthday, drank margaritas, and shopped till they dropped. • I heard, through the

Alumni Office, that **Judith Huff McCabe** is living in Sedona, AZ and is a graduate student out there. • **Colette Koechley McCarty** and husband Tom have three children and live in Cary, NC. Their son Matthew was married in Connecticut this past October. Classmates who attended the wedding were **Penny Brennan Conaway**, who lives in DC, has a catering business and who had just returned from Italy where she visited her daughter who is studying there; **Sheila Mahony Riggs**, who lives in Oyster Bay, Long Island, is a VP with Cablevision and keeps the local vet busy with her four dogs; **Maureen Meehan O'Leary**, a life-long resident of NYC who is a psychoanalyst in private practice with one son; and **Carol Donovan Levis**, who lives in Attleboro with husband John and three children. Carol is the New England sales rep. for three jewelry companies. • Five members of our class who came from Chicago and who attended Lake Forest and Newton together had a fall foliage reunion in Montpelier, VT. Vowing to do it again were Carol Donovan Levis; **Delia Conley Flynn**, who does volunteer work and lives in Waban; **Molly Conley Hurley**, who's a paralegal in Seattle; **Kathleen O'Riley Burdickt**, a travel incentive coordinator from Chicago; and **Suzy Bell Trowbridge** from Princeton, NJ, who is involved in commercial real estate. • BC hosted a luncheon in Chicago prior to the Notre Dame game last fall. **Margie Reiley Maguire**, an attorney in Milwaukee, attended, along with Sr. Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ, dean at Catholic Theological Institute in Chicago; **Margie Dever Shea** from Burr Ridge, IL., a senior analyst with Searle; Carol Donovan Levis; and Kathleen O'Riley Burdickt. Looks like Carol and Kathleen have been doing their share of traveling! • That's it for this issue. Please keep the news coming—I love hearing from you. Oh, one more thing—my granddaughter is beautiful!

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I received a great letter from **John Whelan**: "Watching *Bye-Bye Birdie* on television the other night brought back such a flood of memories. In-

stead of the actors on the screen, I kept seeing **Ellen Kane**, **Dan Benson**, **Honey Collimore**, **Angela Allard** and everybody who did such a great job in our junior show. And there'll never be a Conrad Birdie to match **Joe DiBernardo**, who graciously invited me to stay with his family when the University Chorale sang at the 1964 New York World's Fair. It's been a busy year. Deidre '92 came home a few weeks ago to be sworn in as a member of the State of Illinois bar. Deidre received her law degree in June from Creighton Univ., where she was executive editor of the *Law Review*. She's currently in Sioux City, IA working on a judicial clerkship at the circuit court, and has seen several of her writings become part of Iowa law. Caitlin was graduated from Fairfield in June, and spent the summer working for our favorite local wine store (with a discount!). She's now a graduate assistant in educational psychology at Miami Univ. in Oxford, OH. So, not only am I not writing checks to Jesuits for the first time in seven years, I even have a daughter at Oxford! Very exciting. This was the first summer in several years, and very likely the last ever, that the whole family spent under one roof. We've both been busy—Mary Ann (Regis '65) got her Illinois teaching certificate and is working as a substitute teacher. We made our show business debuts in the parish show last winter. I guess Andrew Lloyd Webber must have misplaced our phone number, since we still haven't heard from him. I'm still under the whip and the lash of CBS as a news producer and writer, and I've done several feature articles for *US Catholic* magazine over the last several years. My piece on Catholic colleges and universities appeared in the August issue." John, I watched it and had the *exact* same reaction. Everyone's name came back to me. We're still waiting for Andrew Lloyd Webber! • Send news!

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The 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in spring '97. Anyone interested in becoming involved or who has suggestions should contact faculty members Mary Ellen Doona (617-552-4269) or Joellen Hawkins (617-552-4252). • **Karen Holland** is spending the winter in Aspen again and would enjoy hearing from classmates who might be vacationing in the area. I have her phone number and address, so please give me a call. • **Bob Cole** sent news of **Jim Huse**. Jim is assistant director of the US Secret Service. Congratulations, Jim. Bob, how about some news about you, too? • **John Dickson**, president and CEO of Mass. Electric Co., has been appointed to the Worcester State College Board of Trustees. John and his wife Nancy reside in Needham with their three sons. • **Michael McLaughlin** has been appointed general counsel of New York Life Insurance Co, Mike and his wife Toni reside in Wayne, NJ with one child. • Congratulations to my husband, **Neal Harte**, who was the recipient of the professional service award given by the Mass. Society of Certified Public Accountants.

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Dipping into correspondence and information shared at the last reunion: **Mary Louise Comerford Murphy**, Bainbridge Island, WA, is principal of an elementary school. • **Mary Ratchford Hesselgrave's** work at AT&T Bell Laboratories, NJ, has taken her on some far-flung assignments, including system installations in Germany in recent years. • **Marti Schickel Ibrahim** is a financial planner with Equitable Life in NYC and a most enthusiastic supporter of Sacred Heart alumnae activities nationally. • **Dr. Felicia Boxmann McKnight** makes both her home and life work at *Si Belle*, a spiritual retreat house in Narragansett, RI. • **Patsy Slattery** continues an admirably coordinated

effort to maximize the pleasures of teaching (ecophilosophy at Murdoch, West Australia) and travel (Nepal and England this past year). • **Midge Schmitt Schmidt**, a Realtor in Asbury, NJ, enjoyed renewing old friendships at the reunion and welcomes more at her Fox Farm Road home. • Also notable were other reunion attendees who make "featured" appearances in the video (reported on in earlier editions of this column) including: Dottie Sforza Calabrese, Sally Conley Donnelly, Rosemary Barsa Elenbaas, Susan Casey Engel, Marilyn Mainelli Frank, Gay Friedman, Marianne Pizzuto Haggerty, Karen Kinneally, Cristine Cartnick Merritt, Nancy Philpott, Sally Rosenthal, Janet McInerney Sargent, Carole Donahue Swan, Sandra Thaxter, Catherine Thompson, Jane Mullowney Tyler, Judy Violick and Patricia Noonan Walsh. Copies of this, you will recall, are available from **Suzanne Huyot Matthau**. • **Eileen Glynn Carr** missed the reunion, but toured New England with family in mid summer. (How many lawyers *are* in that family now?) • Belated condolences to **Patricia Madden Favale** upon the death of her mother this last year. • Now on my reading list: **Simone Poirier-Bures's** newest publication, *That Shining Place* (Oberon Press, 1995), a memoir of a time spent in Greece in the mid '60s, a book about "the nature of memory, friendship, freedom, and the conscious making of the self." For your copy, contact: Oberon Press, 400-350 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1R 7S8, (613) 238-3275 (Dare we anticipate a fictional treatment of life at 885 Centre Street will be coming from that productive pen/type-writer/computer soon?) • Reflections from the reunion survey: of 61 who responded, 83% are in touch with classmates on a regular basis; and 40% consider them among their closest friends. Are there compelling reasons to expand these networks? Do we need a home page on the Internet? Let me hear from you with news of yourselves and others and any ideas you may have about communicating with one another, both in these pages and beyond them.

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Another New England winter is upon us, typical in temperature and already busy with precipitation! I hope this introduction serves to remind you of what life used to be like when we trudged across campus to reach the dorms, Lyons cafeteria, McElroy Commons or our classrooms. Ah, and also include the trek for the brown-baggers down to the parking lot next to McHugh Forum or the old Alumni Stadium. And, of course, the women dorm students had to walk or catch the trolley from Lake St. down to the South St. dorms! Winter appeared long, cold and harsh, but somehow ignorance (or innocence) was bliss and we weren't aware of their severity! • I've been asked to remind all SON grads that the 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing is coming up in the spring of '97, and a gala celebration will be held. For more info., or to get involved, please contact faculty members Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269, or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252. • I inadvertently lost a letter sent from **Dick Sullivan** last year, and just received another one via **Dane Baird**. After graduation, Dick went on to BU Law, the USNC in Vietnam, and is now counsel to the Inspector General at the CIA. He and his children, Kathleen and Michael, live at 10143 Village Knolls Ct., Oakton, VA 22124. • Thanks to **Mary H. Shann** for the following: on Fri., Oct. 20, members of the class gathered to toast **Ed Hockenbury** in the President's Box at Conte Forum before his induction into the BC Varsity Club's Hall of Fame. After leading the '65-'66 basketball team to a 21-5 season, Ed continued on to become a successful college coach for 30 years. He is waging a valiant fight against a cancerous brain tumor that has confined him to a wheel chair. His high spirits, sharp wit, unfailing good humor and zest for life are an inspiration to us all. Ed was accompanied by his wife Pam, their three children, his 93-year-old mother, and many relatives. A beautiful letter from Bob Cousy, coach of the 1966 team, was read to the gathering. Representing the class were Charlie Smith, Jerry Pasquantonio, Tom

Kelly, Ed Glasheen, Buzz Chaney, Dick Taylor, John *Woody* Wood, Jim Millea, Dick Capp, Manny Papula, Bobby Ward and Mary Shann. Basketball players from the classes of '64-'69 were also represented. Kudos also to Jack Magee from the Development Office and asst. coach under Bob Cousy, for calling so many of Ed's teammates and friends back to the Heights and hosting the pre-dinner reception. Best wishes for better health from the entire class go out to Ed. • We held our second "initial" kick-off meeting to prepare for the celebration of our 30th in the spring. Our first meeting in August had three classmates. This second meeting had two. Needless to say, our reunion planning is in limbo; I, Dane Baird, **Bob Ford** and **Denise Perron** welcome, encourage, and embrace any involvement that other classmates can provide. We are looking to an early 1996 meeting and also are hoping for a ground swell of classmates to attend the Alumni Association's Laetare Sunday celebration. Please remember, we were a class of over 1,000! And for our Alma Mater, *Ad Majorem de Gloriam*. Please don't tune out; tune in and get involved! We need you! As always, Kathy.

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Don't forget to put our 30th reunion in your calendar for the weekend of May 17-19, 1996. More info. to follow! • Since I have no new news, I've been reduced to scanning a new address list from BC for information—so I apologize if any of this is old or obsolete. Write and let me know, and I can put the corrected version in the next issue! • **Mary Elizabeth McLean** is superintendent of education in Prince George, British Columbia. • **Janice Sacco Ablon** is a psychotherapist at the Center for Family Development in Beverly. • **Pat Foley DiSilvio** is a member of the romance language faculty at Tufts. • **Karen Carty O'Toole** is a product manager in the technical research area of Fidelity in Boston. • **Dorie Norton Weintraub** is an architect with Architectural Resources in Cambridge; she and Aaron live in Newton Highlands. • **Margo Hirsh Kelly** is a housing consultant with

the National Neighborhood Reinvestment group in Boston. • **Peggy Silvestre Watson** is assistant VP of human resources at Aetna Life & Casualty in Hartford, CT. • Also in the Hartford insurance business is **Kathy Hyland Krein**, who's a systems analyst at Connecticut Mutual Life. • **Jane Bianco Kelly** is assistant manager of the Westfield (NJ) Symphony Orchestra. • **Margie O'Brien Vail** is a pastoral associate at the Church of Presentation in Upper Saddle River, NJ. • **Sharon Cuffe Fleming** is a school social worker in Pompton Lakes, NJ. • **Doris Heller Wise** is manager of systems administration at American General Life Insurance in Nashville, TN. • **Marcia Peckham Nix** works in special education in Malibu, CA. • Also on the beach is **Terry Myers**, who's president of Bouquet Multimedia in Pacific Palisades, CA. • Other California residents include **Medora Burnett Houston**, a department head at Edgewood Middle School in West Covina; **Lucy Fortin Khoury**, a clinical social worker in Escondido; **Mary Lou Wachsmith**, an attorney in Santa Ana; **Jane Lenehan Lewis**, a youth social worker in Bakersfield; **Celeste Burrows**, a health systems analyst in San Francisco; and **Joyce Beck Hoy**, associate prof. of philosophy at UCal Kresge. • Our foreign residents include **Chris Frias Castillo** in Chile, **Margot Paddock Lee** in the Bahamas, **Sally Albergotti Noble** in Ottawa, Canada, **Terry Ancona Orueta** in Spain, and **Marilyn Arneaud Pascal** in Trinidad.

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John F. Spinney, Jr. was married at Sacred Heart Church in N. Quincy to Marie Eileen Conlon, also of N. Quincy. John's parents are originally from Jamaica Plain. John owns and operates the Spinney Insurance Agency. He and his lovely bride will reside in Marshfield. • Valley Gas of Rhode Island has elected **Ken Hogan** a senior VP of the corporation. Ken joined Valley Gas in 1976 and has served as VP, secretary and treasurer. He earned his MS from Northeastern Univ. and presently resides in Cumberland, RI. • A word to all you wonderful nurses out there.

The 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in the spring of '97. Marie Kelleher '55 asks that any nursing school graduates interested in being involved, or who have suggestions, may contact faculty members Mary Ellen Doona at (617) 552-4269, or Joellen Hawkins at (617) 552-4252. • **Richard Westphal, PhD** has been promoted to professor of English at Aurora Univ. in Illinois. Dick joined AU in 1971. He earned his MPH from Yale and his PhD from Illinois State Univ. • Word has reached us that **Tom Hennessey** has written a book entitled *From Jazz to Swing*. The book is about African-American jazz musicians and their music during the period 1890-1935. Tom is a professor at Fayetteville Technical College in Fayetteville, NC, where he teaches classes on the Civil War and African-American history. • Please drop us a line so we can expand the column and keep classmates aware of the happenings in our lives. • Congratulations to all of you who have signed your last tuition check! Your correspondents have one in graduate school; a senior at BC; and a freshman at Connecticut College, so we can appreciate.

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Dear classmates: a poignant column for me to write as we cherish and respect the memories of two special former members of the class. Jean Rooney, wife of **Eugene H. Rooney, Jr.**, has informed us that several awards have been established in her late husband's name. The Mass. Legislature established an annual award to honor an employee of the Commonwealth who has demonstrated creativity and innovation in the area of human resource development and training. Also, the National Association of State Personnel Executives (NASPE), of which Gene was a past president, established two annual awards in his memory—one for innovative state human resource management programs and one for leadership in state human resources management. • **Dr. Ann C. Moore** taught her friends so much about dignity, strength, spirituality and courage during her long battle with cancer. Ann was a fellow student nurse in Greycliff Hall during our BC days. Her warm sense of humor and loyal support enriched our days at the Heights, and provided life long friendship with so many of us. Ann excelled within her profession of hospital administration. A former VP of Pennsylvania Hospital, Ann held her master's of science in nursing from Univ. of Calif.-San Francisco, a master's of public health from Berkeley, and her doctorate in public health from Univ. of Texas. She was married to her childhood sweetheart, Richard Jolicoeur, and lived in Philadelphia. The Dr. Ann C. Moore Administrative Fellowship Endowment Fund for post graduate study in hospital administration has been established in her memory at Pennsylvania Hospital, Development Office, 800 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. • **Bill McGuirk** was recently appointed principal of Tewksbury Memorial High School. He holds his master's in educational administration from Northeastern. • Jim and I are enjoying the sunshine and beauty of L.A., sweetened with frequent visits with BC family and friends!

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Eileen Marquette Reilly writes from Flintridge, CA that she's retired from practicing law with Atlantic Richfield Co. to have more time to travel with husband Ed, senior VP of Marketing for ARCO, as well as to become more involved in volunteerism. She keeps in touch with **Phyllis McTiernan Prothro**, who lives with husband Jim in Dallas. • **Jane Garvey Reilly** is swimming and sailing the waters off Long Island, where she lives with husband Peter and children Jessica, 19, Buck, 17 and Michael, 6. It was great to chat with Jane and to meet all of her beautiful family at our 25th. • Also at the reunion was **Sue Turner Pinzuti**, who had just returned from daughter Margaret's graduation at Dartmouth. Sue has two other children: son Robert, a sophomore at Muhlenburg College and Michael, 17. She lives in Basking Ridge, NJ with husband Bob. • It was fun to read in the awesome 25th anniversary yearbook that **Sally Schildt**

Piepmeyer and I have a connection with Wellesley College. Sally's step-daughter Sarah, and my daughter Tricia, are both seniors there! Sally is an artist/freelance writer and lives in Evanston, IL with husband Jim and ten-year-old son, Nick. A project Sally has been involved with is "Books and Breakfast," a program for low-income children. • **Jeanne Stansfield Provencher** is an English and women's studies teacher in Hudson, NH. She and husband Richard have two sons: Matthew, 22, already graduated from the University of Tennessee; and Ryan, 16. Jeanne looked to be having a great time at the 25th, as did **Mary Jo Pucci Orsinger**, who lives in Westerly, RI. Mary Jo owns the Watch Hill Gourmet and works as a legal assistant in husband Victor's law practice. The Orsingers have two daughters, Julie, 23 and Elaine, 20. • **Rita Lu Houlihan** surprised John, the children and me with a quick visit to our Falmouth house. She took the ferry over from the Vineyard, where she was vacationing with **Nancy Durkin** and **Garrett Orazem** and Lucy and Tim who live in Edgartown. We loved it, Rita! • Rev. Herbert de Souza, SJ also surprised us for dinner. He had spent the summer helping in a parish in Beverly and stopped by before his return to Ahmedabad. We were actually reunited through this column, when Father's friend, Betty Ann Reilly, read my last article. He'd love to hear from all you biddies out there. Fr. Herbert has set up a communications dept. at St. Xavier's; here's his address: Fr. Herbert A. de Souza, Gurjarvni, St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, India. • I'd enjoy hearing from more of you. Please write!

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I have some more news than last time, thanks largely to a letter from former football star **Bill O'Neill**, who enrolled with our class but graduated in '73 because of football redshirting. He reports that he comes up to Massachusetts each fall for the Greg Broskie Memorial Golf Tournament, and sees many of his former teammates: **Dan Metzler**, who organizes the tournament; Mike Mucci; Kent Andiorio; Greg Dziana; Jim Stewart; and Gordie Asack, among others. Bill is the general manager of the Greensboro, NC Hilton hotel. • Also on the subject of football, **Coleman Szely** and I went back to the Heights for the BC-Michigan game, as well as for Pops on the Heights with Marvin Hamlisch. (The latter was both a great event and a great fundraiser for BC). On the way, we visited with **Bill Giacomo**, who was running for judge in Port Chester, NY, and with **Gene McLaughlin**, the mainstay of the Greenwich, CT town attorney's office. Bill came within 250 votes of unseating a 20-year incumbent, and had a rare distinction—he ran on both the Democratic and Conservative party lines! • Back here, I went to see hockey's Eagles in the Great Western Freezeout tournament, courtesy of **Charles Thurner**, who divides his time between his work in finance in Los Angeles and his home near Phoenix. Also, I met with **John**

Coll and **John Sidoli** at the former's Laguna Beach home to watch Doug Flutie '85 play for the Grey Cup championship. John Coll has been busy with golf lately, attending the Ryder Cup championship in Rochester and playing with baseball stars Bert Blyleven, Chuck Finley and Chili Davis. John Sidoli is the creative director of Graphix Zone, a maker of CD-ROMs in Irvine, CA. His latest is one on the career of singer Bob Dylan. • That's it for now. Please let me hear from you!

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Please take a moment to pray for Anne Sullivan NC '64, sister of **Mary Sullivan Tracy**. A few days before Thanksgiving, Anne died in an accident in New York. • **Margie Cangemi Sullivan** was co-chairperson of the successful gathering of friends fundraiser in Scituate for Joyce NC '73 and Rich Gaffey's son Nicholas. • Two classmates have visited the Newton campus and both report that it has not changed. Last May, **Kathy Hickey Coakley** picked up her daughter Monica '98 from Hardey. As a Loeb Fellow at Harvard the year before, Kathy had studied landscape architecture, public space design and public policy in a program at the graduate school of design. While in Boston, Kathy visited with many classmates. Kathy invites all visitors to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland to give her a call. • **Connie Yuchengco Gonzalez** visited Newton last year and twice met with Sister Margaret Gorman, RSCJ. Connie reports that they had an animated discussion regarding some of Connie's livelihood projects in the countryside, particularly the mechanics of a Gramun bank. Her daughter Carissa is a junior at Wellesley College, and her son Enrique is a sophomore at Middlebury College. • Take care.

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Yo classmates: I woke up this morning and realized I had better get to writing this column. I want everyone who has not seen his or her name in this column in the last three years to go to your telephone and dial 315-823-2720 and ask to speak with your class correspondent. If I am away from my desk, then please leave the following information: your name, your major while at BC, your spouse's name if you are married, names and ages of any children, your place of employment, and your work phone number if you wish to have it published in this column. Easy! • The 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in spring '97. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved or has suggestions may contact faculty members Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269, or Joellen Hawkins at (617) 552-4252. • **Tony Nuzzo**, president and CEO of Fidelity Trust Co., has been appointed by Gov. Michael Leavitt of Utah and confirmed by the Utah Senate to serve as a member of the Utah Board of Financial Institutions. This board is chaired by the Utah Commissioner of Financial Institutions and consists of the Commissioner and five members. Tony's appointment is for a four-year term of office. Fidelity Trust Co. is located in Salt Lake City and is a wholly owned financial institution subsidiary of Fidelity Investments which is based in Boston. Fidelity Trust Co.'s products include Visa and Mastercard credit cards, check cards and business cards. Fidelity Trust has over \$200 million in assets and is the passive custodian for over \$45 billion in assets held in retirement accounts managed by Fidelity. Tony graduated as a scholar of the college and then went on to get his MBA from Columbia. Tony's Salt Lake City number is (801) 537-4500. • Congratulations to William P. Leahy, SJ, the next president of BC. Father Leahy presently is executive VP at Marquette. Father Monan will assume the new post of chancellor when Father Leahy takes office on July 31. Father Leahy, 47, was born in Imogene, Iowa. As the chief operating officer at Marquette, Father

devoted considerable energy to strengthening the university's undergraduate liberal arts programs, and to helping identify and strengthen graduate level programs targeted by the university for distinction. In addition, Father has been a central figure in Marquette's Campus Circle initiative, an urban revitalization program which has renovated housing and attracted commercial business to neighborhoods bordering the urban campus. Father Leahy earned a bachelor's in philosophy and master's in US history at St. Louis Univ. in '72 and '75. He then studied at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA. He received a doctoral degree in US history from Stanford in '86. As the new president of BC, Father Leahy will be part of a university which has annual operating revenues of \$350 million, assets of more than \$1 billion and an endowment of more than \$500 million, among the largest of any college or university in the US. T. Ross Kelly, the Vanderslice Professor of chemistry at BC and an advisory committee member, had this to say about our new president: "He's real bright, he listens and he appreciates the value of undergraduate and graduate programs. He said that the prestige of graduate programs enhances the prestige of the undergraduate programs, and I agree with that." • That's all for now, classmates. Peace.

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Congratulations to **Donna Heuchling**! Last year, Donna adopted a baby girl from China named May. May was adopted through a Waltham agency called Wide Horizons for Children. Unlike some other countries, China allows single women, like Donna, to adopt. Donna underwent a background check and then flew to China to pick up her daughter. May is now 18 months old; she and Donna are living in Sudbury. Lots of luck, Donna and May! • Congratulations also to **Kate Novak Vick**! She was recently elected president of the Connecticut Venture Group, which, according to *Update News*, Kate's newsletter, is "an association of ven-

ture capitalists, entrepreneurs, and VC-related service providers." The CVG "provides forums for exchanges of news and opinions in local venture capital as well as a networking opportunity which is vital to the dynamics of venture capital." In addition, the CVG co-hosts the Connecticut Venture Fair, which is held every April.

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I hope everyone had a joyous and peaceful holiday. • Attention, nursing graduates! The 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in the spring of '97. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved or who has suggestions may contact faculty members Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252. • **James Walsh** has been named VP and general manager of the northeast region of Shaw's supermarkets. The region includes Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He joined Shaw's in 1981 and has held various management positions with them in both retail and distribution. He has a BA degree from UMass-Amherst, an MBA from Suffolk and an MEd from BC. Jim and his wife live in Cape Elizabeth, ME. • Please send in news about yourself, as I'm sure classmates would love to hear from you. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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I apologize for missing the past few columns. Too much to do and too little time! • Our 20th reunion, which was held last May, was a terrific success! The dinner was held on the lovely grounds of Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. Old friends from near and far gathered for a wonderful evening. It was especially fun to look back on our freshman year directory (remember those high school senior pictures!) and compare them, then and now. As a remembrance of the evening and our days at Newton, we each received a print of Barat by John Steczynski. Unfortunately, I did not get a chance to speak to everyone and my memory is fading, so please write so that I can update the entire class on where you are and what you are doing. • **Francie Anhut** did write to say that she and her husband Jim are now living in Boulder, CO and have incredible mountain views. Francie is senior VP of sales and marketing at Neodata, a direct marketing service company. She is also acting general manager of her firm's telemedia division in Phoenix, so she is spending a lot of time commuting. She invites all Colorado visitors to call. • It is with much sadness that I inform you all of the death of **Jean Hudson Ransden**. Jean battled cancer for over a year. She leaves her husband Glen and three children. Please remember Jean and her family in your prayers.

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The Reunion Committee continues to meet, and May's 20th gala promises to be a grand time. We're hoping that one and all will attend. • The 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be celebrated in spring '97, and some great things are in store. Classmates who want to join in the planning or offer suggestions should contact faculty members Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252. • **Merita A. Hopkins** has been appointed corpo-

ration counsel for the City of Boston by Mayor Thomas Menino. Serving since last Aug., Merita says the position of head of the city's law department is very exciting and challenging. She'll be found in room 615 of beautiful City Hall. Congratulations, Merita! • Seventy-five classmates attended the Commonwealth Classic on Dec. 9, '95. Pitting the b-ball Eagles against the hated Minutemen of UMass, the game was long awaited and for most served as their introduction to the Fleet Center, which has replaced the old Garden. Other mini-reunions will dot the calendar through to May's Reunion Weekend. • Well, that's all, folks! Please drop your lonely class correspondent a line! Have a healthy and happy winter. God bless!

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Robert F. Cronin has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Marine Corps. Lt. Col. Cronin and his wife Marie reside in San Diego, CA. • The metropolitan New York practice of Arthur Andersen, LLP announced that **Keith E. Oates** has been admitted to the partnership in the tax area. Keith resides in NYC with his wife Lu and two children, Justin and Kirsten. • **Nancy Nichols Sardella** was recently elected to the North Reading school committee. Nancy topped the entire political ticket in the local election. She has lived in N. Reading for the past ten years, and she and her husband Bob have four children: Michael, 13; Meghan, 11; Marielle, 9; and Molly, 7. Nancy is employed at Winchester Hospital as a medical staff coordinator, and she does freelance work for the local newspaper. Bob is a graphic designer and the owner of Sardella Signs and Display in Wakefield. • **Patricia Maxwell Stockdale** writes that she did some speech writing for Gov. Parris Glendening's 1994 campaign. Prior to that, she was a full-time corporate speech writer at AT&T's headquarters. She says that her experience there was highlighted by an opportunity to write for the chairman's office. Patricia is now occupied as a full-time mom to Catherine, 5; Charlotte, 3; and Karl, 20 mos. Her fourth child was due in

January. Patricia's husband, Donald Stockdale, practices law and economics in Washington, DC. Patricia keeps in touch with **Debbie Busby Kunces** and **Susan O'Connor McKay**, as well as **Susanne O'Connor Donohue**. She would love to hear from fellow classmates in the Washington, DC area. She resides in Vienna, VA. • Lots of news from **Maureen Vaughan** of Larchmont, NY. She writes that the "Rat Pack" assembled in Boston to celebrate their 40th birthdays together. It was a whole weekend that ended with brunch at the Hampshire House on Sunday. Everyone brought pictures, old and new, shared memories and lots of laughs. In attendance were: **Barbara Schell Rowan**, who is teaching and living in Fishkill, NY with husband Mike and two sons, Matthew and Sean; **Karen Agresti**, who is a senior VP at the Hill Holliday ad agency in Boston and who lives in Newton; **Debbie Keyes**, who is director of personnel at Mass. College of Art and lives in Weymouth; **Kathy Devlin-Ruggerio**, office manager at Noresco who lives in Stow with husband Tom and three children; **Katy Harrison Ostroff**, who recently left ECS, Inc. in New Hampshire and who lives with her husband Steve and their child Alex in Westford; **Gina Lambert Schuman**, who lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband Mitch and son Ben, and who is an attorney working on alternative sentencing programs; **Rita D'Agostino Petrossian**, who lives on Long Island with her husband George and two sons: Chris, 9 and Alex, 6; **Beth Furman**, VP of business development at a Newton advertising agency who lives in Wellesley; **Joan Lanigan Strauss**, VP of business development at Reptigen, a biotechnology company in Cambridge, who lives with her husband Michael in Newburyport; **Loretta Leoni Summers**, VP at Bankers' Trust who lives in Chicago with her husband Brad '81 and their daughters; **Mary Cullum Obermayer**, a CPA working for Lutz and Carr who lives in NYC with her husband, Bill, and two daughters, Kate and Lisa; **Linda Dowling Almeida**, who lives in Upper Montclair, NJ with her husband Ed and three children; and **Maureen Hogan Vaughan**, who recently left American Express and is living with her husband Nigel in Larchmont, NY. Wow!!! • Some

late summer news: **Trish Costello Allietta** sent news of another get-together on the Cape. In July there was a birthday party for **Kathy Betts Lewis**. The surprise clambake was organized by Kathy's husband Steve, who rounded up classmates **Patti Touhy Fuller**, along with husband Bob and 20-month-old Claire from Virginia Beach; **Mary Ann Forgey** from New York; and **Kayla Boise Doherty Harwich** with her two children, Ian and Una. Festivities continued the following day at Trish's home in Sandwich with her two daughters, Mary, 12 and Emily, 10. **Tom Norton** of Newport, RI joined—as did **Franny Breault Boland** of Bradford. Franny's husband Bill was home hitting the law books and minding their children Maria, 14; Rachael, 13; and John, 9. Trish located classmate **Janet Burns** in Los Angeles and got all caught up with 16 years of news. **Frank Nemias**, wife Patty and 4-year-old son Frankie had just missed the reunion. They were vacationing in New Seabury. Rumor has it that **Bob Patterson** was somewhere on the Cape—Bob, next time give Trish a call!! • **Bruce Nicholas** writes that he is living in Coral Springs, FL and has recently accepted a position as finance manager with Toyota. This follows a 10-year career in printing sales and, prior to that, a seven-year career in the front office with the Buffalo Bills football club. Bruce lives with his wife Karen and children Derek, 16; Erica, 14; Lisa, 10; and Carly, 8. • Thank you all so much for writing; it was great to hear from you!

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Hi! I hope the holidays were happy and healthy for you and your families! • **Jim Vaughn** recently moved back to Boston after being gone since '79. He was working for Guinness in Stamford, CT and currently works as national sales coordinator for the

Boston Beer Co. He's living on Beacon Hill and is glad to be back! • While having dinner with some fellow BCers, one of them handed me a newspaper article concerning **Tony Borghi**. Tony and a friend, Drew Yanno, sold a screenplay they wrote called "No Safe Haven" to Universal Studios. Congratulations! • Since this column is so short (hint, hint!), I guess I'll have to write something about myself. I recently completed a personal trainer course as part of a new fitness kick that I'm on, and I work nights at Mike's Gym in Somerville, on the Cambridge line. • That's all for now!

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Congratulations to **Frank Thometz**, who was recently appointed senior brand manager for M&M's chocolate candies at M&M/Mars in Hackettstown, NJ. Most recently, he managed the Three Musketeers and Mars Bar brands, where he played a key role in the successful repositioning of the Three Musketeers bar. Prior to joining M&M/Mars, Frank worked as team manager of training for People's Express Airlines and as an account executive at Roberta Kenney Advertising. Frank has his MBA from Univ. of Chicago. • Best wishes to **Kathleen Goodwin Falcona** and her husband Sam on the birth of their second son, Ryan John, April 1, '95. He joins Gavin, 4. The Falconas live in Chicago. After teaching for several years, Kathleen decided to go to law school and graduated from DePaul in '91. She now practices in the area of civil litigation, primarily medical malpractice. Kathleen would like to say hello to former roommates Dorian and Anne and wonders, "Where are you guys?" • **Lynn Barnett** recently inquired as to whether there is a running count of children born to Mod-mates. If so,

the Mod-mates of 24-A would like to enter the contest with a count of 13: **Kate Ryan Herman**, **Christine Cincotta Simeone** and **Margaret Clyne Richardson** each have three; **Cindy Karas O'Connor** (wife of **Dan O'Connor**) has two; and **Jeanne Driscoll Howard** and **Lynn Scholan Barnett** each have one. Actually Lynn, as I think about it, my Mod (38-B) has you beat with 15 (thanks in large part to **Mary Ryan Kusiak**, who has four)! Lynn, do you have an update for me? • Speaking of babies, **Karen Krout Woonton** and her husband David have triplets—Andrew, Brian and Katherine—who turned three this past Aug., and daughter Megan, 6. The Woontons live in Boxford. • **Joe Harkins** reports he was recently named Cushman & Wakefield's broker of the year for the New York region, and, more importantly, he and his wife celebrated their son Ryan Christopher's first birthday in Aug. As some of you know, Ryan was hospitalized for most of his first year due to respiratory complications from his premature birth and continues to receive home nursing care and therapy. Joe and Susan extend a special thanks to their BC pals for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult period. • **Patricia Dean Hall** and her husband Rocky have two sons and a daughter, all under five. Patty has been in solo law practice since '92 handling Social Security appeals in Ventura, CA. Rocky is a sports representative for baseball players with many of his clients being in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization. • **Perry Zannett** is an actor and film critic. He last played Dr. Henry Kissinger in a South Korean film entitled *Flowers Shall Blossom*, which is to be released in the United States in Korean with English subtitles. He has been a film critic for the *Waterbury Observer* since fall '93 in Conn. • Congratulations to **Stephen Hatfield**, who was named a partner in the Boston office of Arthur Andersen, LLP on Sept. 1. Steve is in Arthur Andersen's enterprise group and works primarily with technology-based, growth-oriented companies and venture capital funds. Steve has been with Arthur Andersen since '85. • **Ulric Johnson** is director of the gang/drug prevention program for the Boston Dept. of Health and Hospitals. Ulric educates children and adults about violence prevention, and trains young people in the Teens Against Gang Violence

program to be peer leaders and to make presentations about non-violence around the city. In the private sector, Johnson runs a consulting business, Cross-Cultural Consultation, to bring his message of respect for class and color differences to adults. • **Nancy Taverna McCartin** and her husband Michael welcomed Katherine Joy Nov. 29, '95. She joins brother Michael, 2. Nancy and her family reside in downtown Boston. • It was nice to hear from so many of you who have not written previously. A number of you have mentioned that you are looking forward to seeing our classmates at our 15th reunion this spring. If you have not done so already, be sure to put Reunion Weekend on your calendar!!

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Happy belated holidays to everyone! There's not much news, but here goes. **Kathleen Smith Barker** and husband Nicholas announced the birth of their first child—a daughter, Emma Rose. Kathleen is job sharing as an education specialist at Hackensack Medical Center in New Jersey. The Barkers live in Saddle River, NJ. • Congratulations to **Donald Gordon** and his wife Lorraine on the birth of their son, Donald III, last Sept. He joins sisters Kelly and Alexandra in New Jersey. Hope all is well! • **James Connolly** and Janet Keating were married in Stoneham. James received an MBA from RPI. He is employed as a project engineer at EarthTech in Cambridge. They live in Ayer. • **Karen McMahon** married Gregory Strauss last Aug. at St. Ignatius Church. Karen is manager of information technology at Pioneering Services Corp. in Boston. Karen and Greg live in Cambridge. • Congratulations and best wishes to **Leslie Dwyer** on her marriage to Henry Mayo last Sept. **Beth O'Byrne** served as a bridesmaid. Leslie is working as director of product development for a costume jewelry company in Rhode Island. The Mayos are living in Old Mystic, CT. Thanks for the letter. • **Lynette Clark Carpenito** and husband John announced the birth of their third son, Cameron. He joins brothers Dean and Brandon. Lynette is work-

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ing part-time as a special education tutor. • **Charles Miksis** and Karolyn Hodge were married last year in Nashua, NH. Charles received a master's degree from UMass-Lowell. He is a network analyst with Bolt, Beranek and Neuman in Cambridge. They reside in Walpole. • **Cynthia Steeves** wrote that she and husband Bill became parents for a third time to daughter Sarah Michelle last January. She was a welcome addition for siblings Peter and Jennifer. They all live in Harvard. • Thanks to the organizers, as well as to those who attended and contributed to the Michael Murphy Memorial Golf Tournament last October. Through your donations, the scholarship fund has been able to provide aid to deserving students at BC. • This column keeps getting shorter and shorter. Please let me know what's going on!

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Ken Raftery is a CPA for Texaco Inc.'s European division out of Harrison, NY. Ken and his wife Laura recently moved to Monroe, CT and had their second child, Alexander Michael, who was born Oct. 24. Their daughter, Kathleen Noelle, was 2 in Dec. • **John Morgan** and wife Kandy welcomed their second child, Allison, on Aug. 18. John and Kandy live in Ashland with their son Ryan, 3. John currently

works in the treasury department at Bank of Boston. • **Matt Naud** offers the following: after five years in Arlington, VA Matt, his wife Mary, and son Kevin, 3, moved back to Michigan. They convinced their respective employers, Mathematica Policy Research (Mary) and ICF Kaiser Consulting Group (Matt) that they could work out of their home. Two new Pentium processors, four phone lines, 28.8 baud modems, and Internet accounts now connect them to the work world they left behind. Matt and Mary live outside of Ann Arbor and look forward to any BC visitors. Their Internet address is MNaud_ICF@interramp.com, in case you can't visit in person. • **Ed Mullen** got engaged to Patricia Sullivan of Brookline on Thanksgiving night '93 while he was on the air with Norm Nathan on WBZ-AM radio. Ed and Patricia were married in April '95 and moved to W. Roxbury. Ed's DJ phone number is 617-469-2925—be sure to call him when you need a DJ for your next event! • **Jim Furnivall** married Lisa Wesolowski last Nov. • Former Nantucketer **Margaret Moore** joined *The Nantucket Beacon* as arts editor. Margaret earned her master's in art history at George Washington Univ. and has worked at numerous art museums and galleries, including the Whitney Museum of American Art in NYC. • **Todd Nelson** of Monroe, CT was awarded the designation of Certified Finance and Insurance Professional. He has served as the finance director at Dan Perkins Chevrolet Geo Inc. for five years. • **Peter Sanchioni** of Bellingham ran for the principal's position at

Kennedy Middle School in Natick. Peter held the position of assistant principal at Silver Lake Regional Junior High School in Pembroke. • Katherine Gibbs Schools announced the appointment of **Robert S. Moon** as president of the Boston school. He is responsible for the administration of all functions within the school. • The 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in spring '97. Anyone interested in helping can call Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252. • Remember, if you haven't sent an update lately, we'd love to hear from you!

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John F. Shoro has been elected a partner in the law firm of Bowditch & Dewey. John, who works in their Worcester office, concentrates his practice in probate, estate planning and tax law. He is also an instructor of taxation in the MBA program at Babson College. • **Robert C. Rowe** has been promoted to VP of National City Bank in Cleveland, OH. He and his family reside in Shaker Heights, OH. • Last June in Highland Lake, NH was the reunion of BCers Anna Bamonte Torrance, Betsy Davis, Carla DeRobbio Frank, Theresa Dougal and Kathleen McCove Nilles. • **Anna Bamonte Torrance** and husband Alan welcomed the birth of Mary Emilia on Sept. 5, 1995. Mary joins brother Luke, who is now one year old. • **Betsy Davis** and husband Peter Daly live in Westchester County, NY, where they just bought an 1827 Colonial farmhouse in the town of Cortlandt Manor. Betsy works in Westchester as an assistant VP for community reinvestment and public affairs for First Fidelity Bank. Peter works in Manhattan as an assistant VP and head of the photography department for Christie's, the art auction house. • **Carla DeRobbio Frank**, husband Ingo and daughters Yana, 3 and Esther, 1 came for the reunion, all the way from their home in London. In England, Carla is taking art and writing courses and is at work on a children's book. • **Theresa Dougal**, husband Mark Harris and daughter Sylvie, 2 now live in

Bethlehem, PA. Theresa is an assistant professor of English literature at Moravian College. Theresa and family recently moved from Chicago, where she completed her doctorate at the University of Chicago.

• **Kathleen McCover Nilles** finished her master's degree at BC and is now a nurse practitioner. She lives in Wellesley with husband Michael and daughters Anna, 3 and Caitlin, 2. • On August 5, 1995, **Bob and Terri Pendergast Haidinger** welcomed their fourth child, Michael John. The new baby joins sisters Jacqueline and Maria, and brother Gregory. They reside in Old Greenwich, CT. Bob recently completed his MBA at Sacred Heart. • **Carrie Boyd** writes from Boston that she and **Mary Marzullo** survived their wild Texas adventures in October. They visited **Maureen Murphy Vieira** and husband Tom in Dallas. Maureen is employed in home care in Connecticut and Carrie is working at Cardiac ICU in Boston. • **Kathleen Benson Barth** and husband Rick announced the birth of their third son, Brendan William, on April 1, 1995. Kathy and Rick live in Lebanon, NH with children Erik, 5 and Matthew, 2. • **Janet Barth Maxwell** and husband Jim welcomed their second son, Ian Richard, born April 10, 1995. He joins brother Scott, 3. They live in Boxborough. • **Joan Cahalane Flaherty** is a high school guidance counselor in Darien, CT. Joan and husband live in Old Greenwich, CT. • **Lisa Cicolin Strain** and husband Jack welcomed daughter Victoria Leigh, born May 9, 1995. At home is brother Alec, 2. All live in Hopkington. • **Betsy Fenton Hargeaves** recently completed her MBA from Suffolk Univ. Betsy, husband Larry and daughter Sarah, 19 mos., live in Lakeville. • **Maria Pistorino Keraoch** and husband Myles live in Marblehead with daughters Mary Elisabeth, 3 and Brittany, 1. • **Suzanne Troy Cole** and husband Doug live in New Canaan, CT with daughter Courtney, 10 mos. • **Heather Concannon Stoelting** and husband David live in Brooklyn, NY with daughters Nora, 3 and Lily, 1. • **Robin Antonellis Conti** and husband Peter live in Natick with daughters Danielle, 6 and Deena, 5. **Julie Sheridan** married David Ricciardi in Greenwich, CT. After a wedding trip to Hawaii, they settled in Atlanta. Julie is an international marketing manager with United Parcel

Service. David is an account manager with GE Capital Corp. • **David Whelan** married **Mary Helen Hart** last fall in Charlestown. BCers in attendance at the wedding were: Debra Levy Kirschner; Barbara Rice Casey; Cathy Sullivan Mory and husband Scott '83; Molly Walsh McNamara; Michelle Grigas Lord; Elaine Murphy Shuttleworth and Marilyn Dotolo DeSantis. Molly and husband Bob recently welcomed their fourth child, Elizabeth. Michelle and husband Ham recently welcomed twin girls, Julia and Olivia, last February. • **Joan Malitski** married Greg Carloni on October 1, 1994 in Trumbull, CT. Joan is a corporate human resources manager for Ames Department Stores, Inc. in Rocky Hill. • On October 29, 1994, **Yvonne Skuncik** wed James Driscoll in Boston. They have made Eliot, ME their home. • **Marianne George** wed Charles Irving. The ceremony and reception were held on Martha's Vineyard. Following a wedding trip to Greece and Turkey, they settled in Boston. Marianne works for Reebok Corp. as a European Marketing Director. Charles is president of Great Island Development Corporation. • The 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in the Spring of 1997. Anyone interested in becoming involved or has suggestions should contact Mary Ellen Doona at (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins at (617) 552-4252. • Please write.

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Hello again. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. My mailbox was not very busy this past quarter, so I had to struggle a bit to fill up the column; special thanks to those who wrote. • Congratulations to **Maura Noone Sullivan** and husband Mark on the birth of their son Brendan John on March 31, '95. Attending the christening were many classmates, including John and Kathy Neville Looney, Linda Stankard, Dolores Olivolo Cusack, Mary Mitchell, Kellie Lavin LaPierre, Constance Parker-O'Malley and Christine Rauseo. Maura is an attorney in private practice and lives in Wilmington. • **Melissa Dyan Smith**

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is an attorney with the Providence firm of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder where she concentrates her practice in real estate. • **Sonia '88 and Richard Hoponick** had their second child May 24, '95. Myles William weighed in at 9 lbs. 7 oz., and was 21 inches long. Now at eight months, he enjoys giving his brother Theodore, 2, a run for his money! • **Sue Spence** married R.J. Brosnan on Sept. 9, '95. Both CPAs, they met while working at Arthur Andersen. At the wedding were **Tim Cox, Liz White, Holly Taylor**, Chris and Mary Ronan Kelley '87, Karen Mulkern '91 and Maria Signorella '92. Both big golfers, they made stops at Pebble Beach and Kapalua on their honeymoon. They now live in Hingham. • **Gary and Patty Baranello Donlin** missed the ten-year reunion festivities due to the pending arrival of their second child. Mark Joseph Donlin was born June 22, '95, joining brother Brian Andrew, 2. Gary recently got together with **Matt Cronin**. Matt is heading up a new operation in the state of Conn. for Westbrook Insurance. Matt lives in Newington, CT with wife Patty and their sons, Daniel and Stephen, ages 3 and 1. • **Duke Maloney** lives and practices law in NYC at Kreindler and Kreindler Law Firm. Duke recently argued his first case in front of the US Supreme Court, and is one of the youngest lawyers ever to do so. Duke has also had recent articles featured in the *New York Law Journal*. • **Kerry Sweeney Mowry**, husband Chris and son Sean recently moved from Chesterfield, MO to Jupiter, FL. Kerry works for Mallinkrodt Group. • **Megan Gallagher** and Paul Maguire were married in Wilbraham. Megan is an account manager at Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield. • On April 16, '94 **Katherine Flynn** married J. Patrick Kusior in Warwick, RI. Katherine is a commercial financial analyst at Fleet Bank in Providence. • Congrats to Bryan and **Carolyn McCahill McKigney** on the arrival of Kevin Joseph Oct. 12, '95. Kevin joins his brother Sean, 2, and sister Jillian, 1. Needless to say Carolyn is quite busy with the kids in her Pleasantville, NY home! Special congratulations to **Cindy Hockenhull** who recently was engaged to Kevin McCahill (Carolyn's older brother) while on a trip to romantic Paris. Cindy is planning a '96 wedding. Presently living in London, Cindy is having fun making

long distance plans for the New Hampshire event. Good luck! • **Michael Glynn, IV**, the first child of Antonia and **Mike Steinnie Glynn** 3rd, arrived in Sept. '95. • **Bob and Susan Lifendahl Marren** have moved from Winnetka, IL to Wellesley along with their four children: Tom, Megan, Robbie and Kristen. Bob is now working in Boston at MFS Asset Management. • **Marilyn DiRico Staff** and husband Patrick were very busy this past summer enjoying their new daughter, Giuliana Nicole. She was born June 29, '95 at 7 lbs., 1 oz. and 19 inches long. The Staff family lives in Peabody. • **Holly Taylor** is a PGA professional. She is currently teaching at Thorny Lea Country Club, a private club in Brockton. • Anyone interested in volunteering to plan the School of Nursing's 50th anniversary celebration is asked to call faculty members Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552 4252. The event will be in spring '97. • Thanks again to those who wrote. It's always a lot of fun to hear the news of our classmates!

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Happy spring to all (well, almost at least)! Hopefully you are all doing well and think of writing to me once in a while! Last fall, Bruce and I had a wonderful time attending the wedding of my old roommate from Walsh 215, **Donna Alcott**. Donna married Jack Riordan and they had a spectacular reception on the beach at the Chatham Bars Inn on Cape Cod. Donna is an attorney on the Cape; they now live in Plymouth. **Karen Lynch**, a district attorney in Queens, NY, was one of Donna's attendants. Many old BC friends were on the Cape for the festivities, including **Mary Lou Burke**, who is the new controller for Bright Horizon Day Care Centers in Cambridge; and **Karen Meyers**, who is a TV news reporter in Burlington, VT. We had a great time with these old friends and with **Maureen Connaughton Apap** and **Steve and Kathy Parks Hoffman**, who were in town from Michigan. Thanks to **Patti Antonelli** for writing in. I saw Patti at Donna's wedding, and then

she wrote to update us on her life. Patti lives in Rhode Island where she is a bankruptcy and insolvency lawyer for Partridge, Snow and Hahn. • Other exciting news from my friends is the birth of Laura Joann to my former Mod 16B roommate, **Gretchen Papagoda Parisi**! Congrats to Gretch and hi to little Laura! And still another old buddy, **Joe Ramirez** and wife Debbie, are the proud new parents of Alexander Joseph, born in the fall! • The e-mail connection was in full force. Thanks to everyone who wrote to us this way. **Laurie Berkenkamp** is the mother of two toddlers and living in Vermont. She keeps busy with writing both for magazines and children's books. Good luck Laurie! • **Cathie Sullivan** e-mailed that she recently moved back to the East coast, Durham, NC to be exact. She was married in Hyannisport in June; **Linda Johnson** and **John Bitzan** were with her to celebrate. Linda was recently married at St. Ignatius and is living in Newton, and John and new wife Sandra are living in Cleveland, OH. • Thanks also to **John DeLeo** for e-mailing to let us know that he has just completed an MBA from Ohio State and taken a position as a financial systems manager for Cardinal Health in Columbus. Coincidentally, he met **Sara Bloom Browning** at work and they're now starting a BC Club of Columbus. Write to me if you want info. on this and I'll get it to John! Good luck! • In other news, **Cynthia Clark** has been named asst. prof. of mass communication and PR at BU. Cynthia holds a master's in journalism from Northwestern Univ. and is living in Wellesley. • **Drew Kerr** recently was awarded his doctorate in clinical psychology from Baylor Univ. • **Allison Coppola-Uzar** is delighted to announce the birth of her second child, Katherine. Katie joins brother Georgie. Allison will be taking time off work to be at home with the kids. • **Lisa D'Alessandro** married Roy Chase last winter and is living on Cape Cod where she is sales manager for WPXC-FM in Hyannis. Congratulations, Lisa! • Last but not least, a reminder that you should be receiving info. about the ten-year reunion any time now! It should be a ball! We probably won't be able to attend, as I am due to have my third child that same week! Please let me know how Reunion Weekend was! We'll miss you! Also, the nursing

school is scheduling their 50th anniversary in '97. Anyone interested in working on this project should contact Mary Ellen Doona at (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins at (617) 552-4252. Remember to e-mail Bruce and me at boyarsky@aol.com.

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Hi! Hope everyone had a great winter and is looking forward to the spring. Had lots of good news, so let's get into it. Received a great letter from **Susan Shey Dvorch**, who recently joined Loyola Marymount Univ. as assistant director of admissions, with recruitment responsibilities in California and Colorado. She and husband Jeff just bought a house in Seal Beach, CA. She also shared this news: **Justin McCarthy** and his wife Bonnie are living in Long Beach. Justin is sales manager at PIMS Public Relations, a London-based firm; **Katy Stephens Dobens** and husband Charlie recently bought a home in Melrose, where they live with Abby, 3. Katy is still a corporate lender with BayBank. • **Ingrid Van Zon Borwick** and husband John had a son last spring, Jackson Willem. They live in Monticello, NY where Ingrid is an attorney with an insurance company. • **Mary Lane Schwartz** is an English prof. at Univ. of Indiana, and she and husband Dave live in the Bloomington area. • I also heard from **Shawn Dombrowski**. He and wife **Christine Smith Dombrowski** had their second child, Michael Scott, in July. They are living in Keene, NH where Shawn is selling yellow pages advertising for NYNEX, and Chris is a full-time mom. • **BethAnn Babiec Good** wrote in to say that she just had her third daughter, Christina, in July. She joins sisters Kendall, 4 and Niki, 2. She's also a full-time mom. BethAnn and husband Tom bought a house in Huntington Beach, CA. She also wrote that **Jennifer Bascetta Campo** had a son Christopher in May; and **Karen Kelly** married Jaime Rogers in July '94. • And once again, lots of weddings to report . . . **William O'Shea** married Robin Duffy in '94. He graduated from Western New England College of Law, and is an attorney in the

law offices of Louis Kiefer in Hartford. • **Lisa Giordano** married Thomas Burke in Oct. '94, and she is with Meritus Consulting Services in Endicott and Stamford. • **Leighanne Lake** married Edward Kubec. She received her law degree from Fordham Univ. and is an associate at Fogel, Feldman in Santa Monica. • **Kevin Sanville** married Laurel McKinney, and they're living in Greensboro, NC. Kevin received degrees from Tufts Univ. and Georgetown Medical School. He is a physician in a family practice residency program in Greensboro. • **Selena Lee** and Gary Holmes were married in Sept. '94. She is employed by Franklin-Templeton funds, and they are living in St. Pete Beach, FL. • And **Donna McIntyre and Hagop Didizian** were married July 15 at St. Peter's Armenian Church in London. Donna had worked at the Bank of Boston in the international private banking department, and Hagop is working in the family business in Greece. They are living between Greece and England. • Congratulations go out to **Kathryn O'Sullivan** who received the 1995 award for play writing by the Maryland State Arts Council. She was also a member of the team of American Univ. writers who created an episode of *America's Most Wanted*, which aired in July '95. • **Roberto and Kathleen Flynn Gonsalez** recently welcomed baby girl Marissa to the family. She joins brother Kyle in Wethersfield, CT, where Kathy is a teacher and Roberto is a sports writer for the *Hartford Courant*. • Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Tyrone Taylor** and his family. Tyrone was seriously injured in a car accident this past summer. He was in a coma for five weeks, and as of this deadline, still had some memory loss. His wife and children would appreciate any cards and letters that his classmates could send to help his recuperation. Please send them to: Tyrone Taylor, 5794 Wilsie St., Manatee Creek, Stuart, FL 34997. • Keep the cards and letters coming.

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Laura Germak Ksenak fills in for the vacationing Kara Connell Thomp-

son: Here's the latest from our fellow alumni: First comes love . . . **Chris Webb** and Valerie Carney found time in between softball, fly fishing and bar golf to get engaged. "Webbie" (affectionate Val-speak) and his lovely bride-to-be plan an intimate spring '96 wedding. • Then comes marriage . . . The entire Mod 19-A flock of Eagles gathered to celebrate nuptials with **Tricia Scarlatelli** and her new husband Charles McGovern. The mod squad included Theodore and **Julie Bass Drummond**, Thomas and **Monica Connell Healy**, **Beth Kalinski** and her betrothed Martin Lowry, **Alice Mireles** and **Denise Wagner**. • Then comes you-know-what, for some, anyway . . . Jeffrey and **Elizabeth Myers Silvernail** are the beaming parents of a brand new baby girl. Catherine Frances joined her parents and big brother Timothy, 3, on Aug 17. • Thanks to her sister Kate Olivieri, we found out that **Lisa Zimmerman Ravinal** successfully delivered a rather big bundle of joy. Eric Thomas, who weighed in at 9 lbs., 14 oz., arrived on July 17 to join his mom, his dad Frank and big sister Julia. • Another oversized package, the strong 9 lb., 7 oz. Myles William, entered the world on May 24 to the great joy of Richard and **Sonia Fernandes Hoponick**. Look out, big brother Theodore. • Also in the big category: congratulations to Lori '91 and **John Scoop Morrier** on the birth of Andrew John Kearsley Morrier, who weighed in at an even 10 lbs. on Nov. 20. Scoop graduated from BC Law in '94 and is working as an attorney for Grant & Roddy in Boston; the Morriers reside in Newton. Scoop is also running for the Alumni Board of Directors—look for your ballot in April *and don't forget to vote!* • And some of us are not at the baby carriage stage yet but are just looking: Looking for a B&B in London? **Dan and Lanie Castronovo Colao** have been neighbors with that scandalous royal family since Aug. Dan is director of finance for GE Capital's International Commercial Real Estate Business (phew, Danny boy, we need an acronym for that). Lanie is taking a leave from the first graders in New Canaan, CT to work on an educational research grant, finish writing a teacher's resource book, and enjoy the UK's sights. In their spare time, Lanie and Dan would love to entertain any visitors in S. Kensington, so look them up if you can find them at

home. • Looking for jobs? **Bill Hamrock** sent us (on very nice letterhead) news that he and high school sweetheart Donna have been happily married since '92. This Eagle flocked back to the nest, building a home one mile from his parents' house in Canton. Bill is with Kingston Dwight Associates, an executive recruiting firm in Boston, where he specializes in accounting and financial services. So if you're looking, give Bill a ring. • Still looking for brownie points, **Syrene Conn Reilly** says she owes a debt of gratitude to Lou Corsini, former accounting professor and currently dean of BC's Carroll Graduate School of Management. Big Lou wrote Syrene a stellar recommendation that helped her get started on her MBA at Harvard. Corsini is one Lou who truly deserves the L-fingered, low chant of "Looooouuuuuu." Syrene, who traded her position at Boston's Trans National Group for studenthood, is still happily married to hubby Stephen Reilly. • In the last issue, we reported the nuptials of **Norm Beauchemin** and Sue Walsh, but didn't have room to report on wedding attendees and their whereabouts, so here goes: **Louis Maggio** is a doctor, having graduated from Tufts Medical School in '92. Lou is an internist with a practice in Fall River and is living in Providence, RI. **Bill Fair** received an MSW from BU in '94, is living with Lou in Providence and working at Bridgewater State Hospital. **Thomas Gabrielle** has been busy; after two years in Belize with the International Volunteer Program (IVP), Tom went to Univ. of Toronto and earned a master's in literature. He's now working another master's—this time in international development at Clark Univ.—is living in Cambridge and working for IDRISI, a geographic info. software company in Worcester. **Ellen Sullivan** and **Carol Bakos** also were in Belize with IVP after graduation. Ellen received an MEd from Harvard and is an admissions officer in Harvard's undergraduate admission office. Carol received a master's in theology from Harvard's School of Divinity and is now working on a PhD in theology at Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. **Andy O'Rourke** picked up a second bachelor's in environmental engineering from New Mexico Institute of Technology and spent a few years in Alaska working as an environ-

mental engineer for ENSR. He's now back in Mass., living in Hull and working in ENSR's Acton office. **Mark and Maura King Scully** have been married since '89 and recently bought a home in Walpole. Mark is assist. VP for human resources at Citizen's Bank in Boston, and Maura is assist. director for communications at the BC Alumni Assoc. Maura earned a master's in higher ed. from BC in '93. • Congrats to **Sue Driskill** and Randy Donney on their recent engagement. Sue and Randy both live in Hoboken, NJ; Sue is director of business development for HarperCollins in NYC and Randy is director of capital markets research at Pegasus. An Aug. wedding is planned in Rye, NY. • Looking for volunteers: the School of Nursing will be celebrating their golden anniversary in spring '97. Please call Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252 to give your suggestions or your time. Happy big 5-0. • Keep the good word coming, classmates. Don't slow down just because your twenties are almost over (group groan here). See you next quarter.

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Anybody who surfs the 'Net is welcome to send me updates for these notes on-line. My Internet address is: kcnelson01@aol.com. • The School of Nursing will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in the spring of 1997. Anyone who has suggestions for the festivities or is interested in becoming involved can contact faculty members Mary Ellen Doona at (617) 552-4269, or Joellen Hawkins at (617) 552-4252. • **Daniel Murphy** died this past September; a New Year's Eve benefit was held in his honor. Our condolences to his family and friends. • **David Delmore** is engaged to Mehra Amiri; they will be married in September '96. David

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is a tax accountant at North American Security Life Insurance Co. He is pursuing a master's degree in taxation at Northeastern and has passed Level I of the Chartered Financial Analyst program. Thanks to his boss, Paul Antosca '80, for the update! • **Andrea Paul** married Paul Mayes on May 7, 1995. Both **Kelly McMahon** and **Mary Buccigross Erickson** shared in their day by doing readings. Andrea and Paul honeymooned in Disneyworld and now live in England. • **Julie Murphy** and **Ray Horner** were married in Stowe, VT on November 19, 1994. **Rosa Silva** and **Alison Mills** were in the wedding party. They presently live in Fullerton, CA, where Julie is an application engineer and Ray is a district sales manager, both for AMP, Inc. They are expecting their first child in January. • **Stacey Pires** married Rick Veroni in Pawtucket, RI in '92. Stacey graduated from Suffolk Law and currently works for the Pawtucket District Attorney. • **Kim Hajjar** and **Rick Cramer** were married in Hawaii in '93. They currently live in Carlisle with their daughter, Mikayla Mary Cramer, born April 9, 1995. • **Rosa Silva** works for Aetna in Hartford and lives in Newington, CT. • **Alison Mills** was a speech writer for the mayor of Somerville, but is now in the process of relocating to Baltimore, MD. • **Jennifer Good** lives in Westwood, CA and works for Susan Smith and Associates in Beverly Hills. • **Carol Gismondi** and **Robert D'Alessandro** are married and living in Hoboken, NJ. She is an attorney for Tompkins, McGuire & Wachenfeld. • **Colleen Torrice** and

Scott Madden '89) married in 1994 and live in Charlestown. Colleen is a pediatric nurse at Children's Hospital and Scott is an account executive with Arnold Advertising. • **Mary Anne McNeill** and **David Cramer** were married on October 22, 1994; they live in Seattle. • Congratulations to **Christine Conry** and **Kevin Flynn**, who are engaged and will marry in Newport, RI on Sept. 7, 1996! • **Karen Mullaney Colavita** owns and operates the Mullaney Fish Market in Duxbury Marketplace. • **Diane Cronin** was elected to the position of associate actuary by the boards of directors of Paul Revere Insurance Group. Congratulations! Diane lives in Marlborough. • As for me, I am still working at the Connecticut State Dept. of Education (now part-time), and I am also pursuing a full-time master's degree in art history at UMass-Amherst. • I hope everyone had restful and healthy holidays. Happy 1996!

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Remember everybody: our 5th reunion is May 17-19! I hope everyone is doing well. Here's the latest: **Roman Uschak** is the hockey sports information director at Michigan State Univ. • To **Anthony Parlato**: Ken Norwood '92 is looking for you, too; he wants me to include his address for you: PO Box 643, Lincoln Park, MI 48146. • **Clinton Kelly** completed his master's in journalism at Northwestern Univ. in '93. He's living in NYC and is a program host for Q2, a home shopping channel. It's QVC's sister station, transmitted live to about 10 million homes daily. • **Ellen Blumenberg** married **George Rusnak** on May 13, '95 on Long Island. **Heather Chisolm Galuppo** and **Margie Colgan Phelps** were bridesmaids. Other '91ers there were **Sandy Galuppo**, **Savina Mallozzi**, **Kurt Spindler** and **Kim Richlin**. Ellen and George are living in Monmouth Junction, NJ. Ellen works for Chase Manhattan, and started her MBA in the fall. • **Kathy Barry** married **Hank Cormier**, a lieutenant in the Air Force, on Aug. 13, '94. Her bridesmaids were **Barbara Healey** and **Shelby Lovett**. Kathy lives in Mt. Holly, NJ and is working on her

master's in tax law. • **Ann-Marie Breen** married **Tim McMullan** EC '94 on Oct. 29, '94. **Deb Wardlow**, **Kellie Moroney** and **Meghan Gross** were in the wedding party. Ann-Marie lives in Cincinnati and is an HIV/AIDS social worker. • **Deb Wardlow** married **Mike Brown**, a recent Georgetown Medical School graduate, on April 22, '95. **Meghan Gross**, **Barbara Healey**, **Janine Dione** and **Ann-Marie Breen** were bridesmaids. Deb is a social worker with the VA in Cleveland. **Kellie Moroney** is teaching reading in Sudbury. **Meghan Gross** lives in Washington, DC where she earned a master's in political management from George Washington Univ. **Barbara Healey** received her MBA from Babson College and works as director of development for Boston Aid to the Blind. • **Sara Linn** works in the human resources department at Genetech, where she's been since graduation. She loves her job! On May 27, '95 Sara married her high school sweetheart, **Stuart Roos**. '91ers in attendance were: **Donna O'Neil Buretta**, **Mark** '89 and **Paula Mazzaferri Amadeo** and **Elaine Rowley**. They spent three weeks in Hawaii for their honeymoon. • **Mike Regnell** graduated last May from George Washington Univ. with his master's in speech pathology. He works for a private practice in the Virginia suburbs of DC. • **Steven Vitale** married **Ashley Ellington** last April. Members of their wedding party were **Ryan Irvine**, **Troy Bracher** and **Elizabeth Biz Renick**. **Biz Renick** and **Troy Bracher** are engaged to be married in June. **Biz** recently received her master's in educational and developmental psychology from BC and is currently working on her PhD. **Troy** is finishing his master's in philosophy at Marquette Univ. • **William Boyd** is engaged to **Joelle Vince**, Emmanuel College '93. He proposed to her under the Eagle in front of Gasson Hall just as the bells were ringing. The wedding is Oct. 29 at the Emmanuel College chapel. **William** works at the Mass. Department of Revenue in the litigation bureau as a paralegal. He still keeps in touch with **Sean O'Hara**, **Hector Dopico** (who recently got married) and **Brendan Murray**. He asks that **Gene Hahn**, **Christine McCarthy** and **Bill Fallon** give him a call at (617) 391-3746. • **Rich Girard** is chief-of-staff to the mayor of Manchester, NH. • **Elizabeth West**

married **Richard Kuhlmann** '92 Sept. 3, '95 at St. Ignatius. **Elizabeth** is pursuing a master's in speech-language pathology at Ohio State. **Marisa Mariniello MacEvoy** was one of her bridesmaids. **Marisa** is teaching second grade in Verona, NJ. Also at the wedding were: **Cara DeNuccio**, who is working in the development office of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit; **Buffy Harris**, who is teaching French and drama in Acton; **Lisa Kochel Carroll**, who is teaching middle school language arts in Bristol, CT; **Carrie Morris**, who is managing educational programs for health care executives in San Francisco; **Janet O'Brien**, who is a nurse at Mass. General Hospital; and **Susan Berry**, who is teaching second grade in Virginia. • **Daniel Fennell** was promoted to captain in the Marine Corps and has returned from clandestine operations in Norway and the Panama Canal zone. He is currently stationed at the MCAF, Cherry Point, NC, home of the second Marine air wing. • **Sean Edwards** received his law degree from the Univ. of Buffalo in '94. He was admitted to practice in Alaska in Nov. '94. **Sean** began working for **Hughes Thorsness Gantz Powell & Brundin**, Alaska's largest law firm, in March '95. **Sean** said he would love to hear from people from our class; he can be reached at (907) 243-4252, or 2450 Benz Circle, Unit B, Anchorage, AK 99502. • **Mary Beth DeCoffe** received her nursing degree from Salve Regina College in Newport, RI last May. • **Richard Mulligan** received his law degree last May from Suffolk Univ. • The 50th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in spring '97. Anyone interested in becoming involved or who has any suggestions may contact faculty members **Mary Ellen Doona**, (617) 552-4269 or **Joellen Hawkins**, (617) 552-4252. • Thanks to all of you for writing! We maybe be getting old, but at least your letters haven't died off. Bye for now.

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Maureen Monahan graduated from Loyola-Chicago School of Law last May and passed the Illinois bar exam.

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She is currently working for a firm in Taipei, Taiwan as part of an international lawyer exchange. • **Ceci Finley** is getting married in Beaux Bridge, LA and not in L.A. as previously reported. • **Todd McFarland** is engaged to Laura Bete '93. They will marry this April in Centerville. **Drew Massey, Jim Bond, Bill Barbera and Sean Faherty** are groomsmen. Todd earned his master's at BC and currently works as a financial analyst in Boston. • **Frank Sorichetti** is an asset manager for TPM Financial in Las Vegas. In addition, Frank has launched a sports art memorabilia company called Artographs (702-598-9998) and when time permits, he is a realtor in town. • **Gina LaRocca** sent me a postcard from Omaha, NE. She is a third-year medical student at Creighton Univ. **Jenny Peck** is a fourth-year student there. Gina and Jenny say hello to **Mary Battaglia**, who is a third-year med student at Georgetown, and **Laura Toner**, who is studying at NY Medical College. • **Dean Keuter** is employed by the US House of Reps in both the District and Capitol Hill office of Congressman Peter Blute '78 who represents the 3rd District of Mass. • **Michael Goss** married Sandra Euerard in Glastonbury, CT this Aug. Mike is an investment management consultant at Paine Webber in Hartford. The couple spent their honeymoon on Nantucket. Paul Gleason, Gary Paull, Brian Berk, Chris Benjamin, Adrian O'Malley, Carlos Perez and Kim Keller were some of the many classmates who attended. • **Dave Cavanaugh** was an internal consultant in Digital Equipment Corp.'s Canadian sub-

sidary in Toronto. He also consulted in Digital's Rio de Janeiro and San Juan offices. Dave recently began an MBA program at UPenn-Wharton in Philadelphia. • I had the pleasure of attending **Kimberly Moore** and Martin Buckton's wedding in Oct. They were married in Pine Orchard, CT. Many classmates attended including: Pamela Maskara, Anne Marie Ligda, Sharon Ramos, Arati Sontakay, Amy Iello and Irene Sullivan. • **Brian Walters and Suzi Mercein** were married in Aug. at the O'Byrne Chapel of Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY. **Steven Iannelli, Maura Mullowney, Erika Heim and Katherine McDonald** participated in the ceremony. Rev. Francis Clooney, professor of theology at BC, co-officiated the mass. Brian and Suzi currently live and work in Pittsburgh. • **Tom McGregor and Beth Vihlen** were married in Venice, FL. **Patty Raffa, Jennifer Meadows, Russ McMillan and Rob Freund** were in the wedding party. Also attending from BC were Matt Carbone, Matt McKenna, Shirley Huang, Adele Alino, Audrey Kim, Treacy Kiley and Jeff Morrell. Beth and Tom currently live on Long Island. Beth is getting her PhD at SUNY Stony Brook, and Tom works for Congress Financial Corp. in NYC. • **Lori DesRoches and Tom Henault** are engaged. They are planning a summer wedding in Stowe, VT. Lori is a research technician at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Tom is in sales at ON Technology, a software supply company in Cambridge. • **Helder Correia and Eileen Govekar** were married in Chicago last summer. Helder is working as a computer programmer at Intranet in Newton. Eileen is working toward her master's in teaching at BC. They currently reside in Framingham. • **Rick Bishop** married **Leslie LaRoche** at St. Ignatius last summer. Rick is working for State Street Bank and studying for his master's in accounting at Suffolk. • **Amanda Franks** is studying at the MFA Performing Arts Management Program at SUNY-Brooklyn in the spring. • Thanks for keeping me busy opening my mail all winter long. Keep those letters coming. If you don't see your name immediately after writing, that's because I'm backlogged—thanks for your patience!

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It's been great getting messages from all of you over e-mail! Many thanks to all of you for the news and hellos! Lots to share this go-around: The School of Nursing will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in spring '97. Anyone interested in becoming involved can contact Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252. • Our classmates are "dropping like flies"—congratulations to all the lucky couples: **Mike Garnsey** married **Leslie De Nicola**—their wedding was Dec. 18 in Penn. • **Christina Sherman** is engaged and will be married on Nantucket in Oct.! • **Tracy Proia** is engaged and will be married in Belmont Aug. 5. • Some would never have guessed it, but **Ron Malloy** had his heart stolen and is engaged to be married in '96! • Must be a roommate thing because **Jeff Teeven** is engaged to **Suzanne McLarney** and **Fred Paulman** is engaged to **Pamela Crawford**! • **Bevin Weeks** and **Mark Stepsis** were married in June '95 and are living in Conn. where Bevin is a first year medical student at UConn. Attendees included **Audrey Coyle** and **Joe Smith**. • Brought together by Italian class at BC, **Chris Ricci** and **Terri Minervi** are planning an Aug. wedding in Princeton, NJ. Terri is working at MetLife and is a graduate student at Trenton State College, while Chris is in his third year at NJ Medical. • **Chris Kubala** is engaged to **Megan Kelly** and is planning a June wedding at St. Ignatius. Chris left Fleet Bank to pursue his MBA at BC. • **Rob Berry** married **Melinda Maxson** '95 in Palos Verdes, CA. Both are students at Washington Univ. Law School in St. Louis. In their wedding party were **Derek Hedges** and **Shaun O'Neil**. • **Susan Clough** is now married to **Eric Brock** '92. Susan received her master's in elementary ed. from Simmons. • **Laura Ann Bete** and **Todd McFarland** are planning an April wedding. Laura Ann received her master's in counseling psychology from BC, and Todd has been working as a financial analyst in Boston. In their wedding party are **Tracy Monaco, Sheila Vaidya** and **Beth**

Walsh. • I hope all your Christmas wishes came true—I'll wait to hear! • High school sweethearts **Frank and Liz Steinle Salamone** were married in July '95. Liz works at Paul Revere Life Insurance as an actuarial associate. Bridesmaids included **Bonnie Wayshak** and **Veenita Mathur**. • I do still have some news other than our wedding announcements this time around: Anyone passing through Beijing should say hello to **Greg Ray**. He has been teaching English, writing articles for a newspaper, and has started his own business for Educational Exchanges. • In Feb., **Jon Herstein** will begin working for the Peace Corps. He is assigned to perform natural resource management in the northwest African nation of Mali. • **Anthony Meyer** is working in Mass. after spending a year as a WorldTeach volunteer in Costa Rica. He has joined executive director **Steve Kirk** '82 as director of recruiting and admissions at WorldTeach. Anthony is based at the Harvard Institute for International Development in Cambridge. • **Phil Coppinger** finished his master's in occupational and environmental health policy at UMass last spring. He is now at BC Law. • Heard from **Pat Ryan**, who is currently on a two-year assignment in Singapore. Pat is completing his last year of the financial development program with Digital. He likes the weather but misses the gum! • **Jen Sayer** wasn't too far from Pat when on a short-term assignment in both Sydney and Singapore. Jen works with Chase Manhattan in NYC. • Congratulations to **Thomas Carlo**, who was promoted to audit senior at O'Connell and Drew, PC Certified Public Accountants. • Congratulations also to **Blane Walter**, who was promoted to director of business development at Gerbig, Snell, Weisheimer & Associates, Inc. Blane—previously "Mr. sunglasses at 8 am because I'm asleep in the front row"—Walter will oversee new business ventures related to the health care industry. Good luck, Blane! • **Roshini Rajkumar** is in her second year at Univ. of Minnesota Law School. She is trying to combine her studies with her interest in television reporting. During the school year, Roshini works part time for the investigation unit at WCCO in Minneapolis. • Vacationing? Look up **Reginald Poe**, who is working in St. Thomas in finance. •

According to an anonymous source, **Chris Clay** is Elvis! He's working for Caroline Records in NYC and earning a few \$\$ on the side with his band. • Congratulations to **Scout Flynn**, who has made the purchase of a lifetime and bought a house in Morristown, NJ! • Finally, best of luck to our classmates who have gone on to school: **Jerome Danu** has recently left his work as a paralegal to attend St. John's Law School this past fall. • **Rich Ferson** is living in Boston and pursuing his master's in physics. • **Mike Nurzia** started his first year in medical school this fall. • **Mark Peczuh** is working toward his PhD in chemistry. • **Kristin Rackley** has been accepted to BU for graduate school. • **Daphne Koinis** graduated from Columbia in May. • Keep the letters coming, everyone! Thanks for the updates—and welcome to spring!

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Congratulations and happy anniversary to **Kelly Knowe**, who exchanged wedding vows with Mark Carrington of E. Longmeadow on Nov. 6, '94. Kelly is a tax accountant for Coopers & Lybrand, while Mark is co-owner of Berkshire Fabrics. And to **Jennifer Loughman** and Daniel Mulligan, who were married Dec. 8, '94. Jennifer is a registered nurse at Univ. of Iowa Medical Center, while Daniel is a second-year law student at Univ. of Iowa Law School. • Let's congratulate the newlyweds who were married in '95. Patrice Rovedo '91 and **Donald Green** celebrated their marriage on Jan. 9, '95. Donald is a PhD candidate at the Robotics Institute of Carnegie Mellon Univ. in Pittsburgh, PA. **Martha Burke** married Jordan Polley Oct. 1, '95. Martha is an advanced-practice registered nurse in the adolescent clinic of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford. Jordan, a Northeastern graduate, is a service engineer at Turbo Power and Marine. **John Amaral** was recently the best man at the wedding of **Peter Carmichael** and **Tina Hartman** at Newton Chapel. Classmates in attendance were Mike Barry, Sean Burke, Brian Cody, James Mello, James Murphy, Michele Perrotti, Liz Stephens and

Lou Talarico. Pete is now the assistant wide receiver coach at Louisiana Tech and Tina is a financial aid counselor. Good luck to all our newlyweds. I wish you many years of happiness. • These wedding bells seem to be playing their inspirational tunes. **Karen Stadolnik** is engaged to Jim Notzen. **Matt West** and **Stacy Wyrwab** were recently engaged. Their wedding date is July 27. Matt is a photographer for the *Boston Herald* and Stacy is teaching Spanish at St. John Vianney High School, NJ. Best of luck to you all. • **Roger McAvoy** was recently promoted to sales manager of Prudential's Nashua, NH agency. • Congratulations to **Gary Lynn**. He recently passed his CPA exam and is working as an accountant for Ernst & Young. • **Pamela Adams** passed her actuarial exams and is working at Mercer Management as a Boston sales assistant. • **Cherie Benoit** is in the marketing department of Graphics Express, Boston. • **Kristen Castleberry** is working at EMI Strategic Marketing, Inc. in Boston and has recently traveled to Europe. • A Boston publishing company has **Kasey Clark** as its advertising sales assistant. • Cadmin Consulting has taken aboard **Marty Kessler**. • **Carrie Wisowati** is specializing in banking clients at Coopers & Lybrand. • Keep up with all your studying. . . **Julie Montana** will complete her MBA this year at Cornell Univ. **Caroline Hughes** has been accepted to Suffolk Law School. • **Morgen McLaughlin** has been working as sales and business manager at her family's winery in Conn. for the past year. • **Megan Molinaro** is working at Paragon Rehabilitation, Inc. in N. Bergen, NJ. • **Nancy Freda** is working for Deloitte & Touche, NYC. • Soccer fans, be proud! **Christian Celic** spent last summer advertising The World Cup '94 in the US. He was planning to look for a career in advertising. Chris, let us know what happened! • **Sharon Cavanagh** is working as an oncology/AIDS nurse and at the Healthcare for the Homeless Project of DC in the AIDS special care unit. She is also planning to return to school next fall. • **Gregory Boron** has moved back to the States and started his own scuba diving company. So if you're ever in Fla. and want to scuba dive, just look him up. Congratulations and good luck with your new endeavor! • After earning her master's in English and curriculum design from Stanford

Univ., **Shannon Tichy** is teaching at Sacred Heart Prep. in Atherton, CA. She is living with **Katie Gregorwich**, who is attending law school at Santa Clara. • **Ann Lassotovitch** has been accepted to the Peace Corps. She has moved to the former Soviet Republic of Turkmenistan to be a maternal/child health provider. • The School of Nursing is having its 50th anniversary in spring '97. If interested in more information, please contact Mary Ellen Doona, (617) 552-4269 or Joellen Hawkins, (617) 552-4252.

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Please note the above address if you wish to send information to me. If you have a new job, are starting a master's or PhD, are newly engaged or married, have discovered the cure for the common cold, or anything else cool like that, please send it in (be patient, it sometimes takes two issues for news to appear). I'm **Roshan Rajkumar**, one of two class notes reps., am currently a tennis pro in Minnesota, working for Prince. Some of you may of heard I'm heading to Australia. This is true, but not until March. • **Tom Jennings** works for Andersen Consulting, LLP in Boston, while living with **Chris Noon**, who also works for C&L. Tom and Chris are joined by **John Chiachi McInerny**, who works at BC's Center for Corporate Community Relations. • **Dave Baker**, **Dave Chromy** and **Dave Umbricht**—that's a lot of Daves—are living together in Santa Monica working on their tans, golf swings and movie careers. • **Sam Barone** is at Penn State Medical School, but still makes frequent stops at BC football tailgates. • **Kevin McGee** is on special assignment with the Army doing explosives testing. • **Melissa Celata** is working on her master's in education at Wheelock College in Cambridge, and in her spare time trains for the women's pro volleyball tour. • **Jen Galmiche** works with Coopers & Lybrand in Boston and recently completed the CPA exam. Jen works with **Tyler Sloat** at C&L. • **Shannon Murphy**, **Missy Roberts** and **Abby Wood** are in the 5th year master's in education program at BC. Abby is also an RA in the New

Dorms. • **Rick Nelson** was named women's varsity tennis coach at Emmanuel College in Boston and lives with a few other BC boys: **Bob Blute**, who's with Inscentives, Boston; **Charlie Drane**, who teaches at BC High and is also the freshman basketball coach; **Steve Deroian**, who's with Fidelity Investments' Brokerage Dept.; and **John Gregorio**, who's with The Boston Co. • **Betty McCann** lives and works in Charlestown. • **Ajay Kuntamukkala** lives in Boston and attends Harvard's JFK School of Government. Ajay lives with **Sean Ennis** who's at BC Law. • Other BC Law-ers are **Pablo Koziner** and **Chris Hunter**, who is also one of two resident directors at BC's Alumni House. • **Michelle Riedel** is living in Boston enjoying the fall. • **Danielle Loffredo** works in Boston and is looking for teaching positions. • **Laurie Wacławik** works in Burlington for Eddie Bauer Management. • Others in Boston are: **John Butters**, who plays football at the Lake St. park; **Carolyn MacNeil**, working for Liberty Mutual; **Erin Twomey**, working at the Brighton/Allston Neighborhood Center and singing with the BC Chorale; **Pam Giebatowski**, working for the Charitable Gift Fund of Fidelity Investments; **Kathryn Tschirn**, who is teaching; **Patty Bain**, working in marketing at Dunkin Donuts; **Celeste Christianson**, who works for Hill Holliday; **Colleen Callahan**, in management at Filene's; and **Laura Odachowski**, working for Direct Marketing Results. • **Richie Stahmer** works in Rye, NY for Gabelli, and is making a killing on the stock market. • In NYC are: **Joe Favuzza**, working for Coopers & Lybrand. Joe is roommates with **Brian McBrearity**, who also works in the city; **Liz Weiss**, working in corporate finance for Dean Witter, Reynolds; **Mike Rozman**, working for Chase Manhattan and living with **Chris Gorman**, who works for the Federal Reserve Bank. • **Zach Jones** is in Portland, OR working towards a physical therapy degree. Zach is joined by recent transplant **Dan Crowley**. • **Melody Douglas** lives and works in Chicago, but found time to make it to the BC/Notre Dame game in Oct. • **Tim Watson** lives in Washington, DC, recruiting for the Franciscan Volunteers. **Keri Doerr** is also in DC storming the Hill. • Word has it that **Matt O'Connor** is back in St. Louis, MO,

enjoying his new NFL team. • **Frank Pigott** lives and works in Boston, and hopes to improve his tennis game. • **Rob Bo Orlando** also lives and works in Boston. • **Antoinette LeFebvre** lives in Greenwich, CT working for a newspaper. • **Megan Mehr** lives and volunteers in Dorchester. • **Sylvia Majerejian** lives in Watertown, doing marketing for a radio station. • **Lauren O'Hara** lives in New Jersey, working as a circulation rep. for a major magazine consortium, and also found time to pick up a stranded BC friend from the Newark Airport—thanks again. • We have a ton of JVCers among our ranks including: Jason Reblando, Megan Annitto, Jane Barbaro, Mike Bohan, Jennifer Carew, Amory Cotter, Christopher Gaeta, Johanna Habib, Peter Hasselmann, Teri Heitz, Anne Hipskind, Colleen Keough, Tia Manhardt, Tara Murphy, Lisa Rapaszky, Carla Rogers and Josh Vella. • Also with JVC are **Megan Gurda**, who is in Mesa, AZ, working in a homeless shelter; **Maureen Hadley**, who is in Queens, NY working as a teacher and social worker for troubled youth; and **Kathy Doyle**, who is a case worker in Baltimore, MD. • Peace Corp volunteers include **Todd Kenny** in Macronesia and **Ed Ludwigson** in Bulgaria. • **Betsy Cirillo** is doing graduate work in Belgium for two years. • **Tara Baker** just returned from Costa Rica and now works in Minneapolis. • **Shelley Gumucio** works at Harvard Business School in human resources. • **Trisha Nugent** is teaching 4th grade in New York. • **Laura Iudiciani** is teaching 5th grade in Chelsea. • **Maureen Curtin** is an accountant with a firm in Burlington. • **Bill Duffy** and **Steve Devine** live and work in Boston. • **Christopher Herr**, **Mary E. Walsh**, **Beth-Ann Meyerowitz** and **K.E. Natter** were recently commissioned as Navy ensigns.

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Carolyn Blumit '67, account executive for Peak Insurance Group, Inc., Phoenix, AZ, has been awarded a scroll of appreciation by the American Institute for CPCU and the In-

surance Institute of America (IIP) for ten years of educational leadership in the field of insurance. Scroll recipients must have taught or organized and administered courses developed by the Institutes, such as Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) professional insurance designation courses, or IIA courses in areas such as claims adjusting, underwriting, risk management or loss control. Each scroll recipient is nominated by an organization that sponsors insurance classes, and the nomination is verified by the Institutes. Congratulations, Carolyn. • **Michael Lynch** '75 has been appointed director of the Long Island office of CB Commercial Real Estate Group, Inc. Michael is a licensed broker in the states of New York, New Jersey and Texas. Good luck, Michael. • **Sandra R. McLaughlin** '82 of Wellesley has joined Soucy Communications Group, Acton as VP, client services. Sandy will be responsible for account management and new business development. Congratulations in your new position, Sandy. • Best wishes and congratulations to **Patrice Gabrielle Rovedo** '91 and **Donald Frederick Green** '94, **Terry Lynn Sylvester** '88 and **Christopher G. Charron**, **Elizabeth Patnaude** '91 and **Gordon Wall**. All these couples have been married in the last year. May you all have many years of happiness and good health.

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Philosophy: **Veronique M. Foti**, PhD '79, has joined the philosophy dept. at St. Michael's as a visiting prof. She is an authority on the thought of Heidegger and Merleau-Ponty, and has published articles on philosophers ranging from Descartes, Plato, Spinoza and Freud to Derrida and Foucault. • **English:** **Rich Iadonisi**, MA '85, has published an article, "Bleeding History and Owning History: Maus and Collaborative Autobiography," in *The CEA Critic* last winter. His article, "In Felicitous Space: The Interior Landscape of Frost's 'Snow'" will appear in the fall '96 issue of *The Robert Frost Review*. • **Psychology:** **Gail Martino**, PhD '95, is a visiting asst. prof. at Colgate

Univ. for '95-'96. She was recently interviewed by the *L.A. Times* about cognitive and spatial abilities of women chess masters. Gail also received the research travel award from APA in '95. • **Tesfay Aradom**, PhD '95, is full-time faculty and chair of social science dept. at Roxbury Community College. He works part-time at a mental health clinic and works with other mental health professionals in Africa providing training and therapy. • **Shelly Dews**, PhD '94, is doing research on the use of speech as input/output to computers and also teaches part-time at BC. • **Alejandra Ajuria**, PhD '94, is a research and dissemination coordinator for the Texas Educator Preparation Improvement. • **Political Science:** **Richard B. Finnegan**, MA '66, has co-authored *A Guide to Irish Official Publications, 1972-92* from the Irish Academic Press. • **Economics:** **Serhan Ciftcioglu**, PhD '89, has been appointed chair of the business and economics dept. at Eastern Mediterranean Univ. • **Michael French**, PhD '87, has relocated to the Washington branch of the Research Triangle Institute. He has also joined Georgetown's graduate school of public policy as an adjunct professor. • **Mark Kazarosian**, PhD '92, has written "Precautionary Savings: A Panel Study" which is forthcoming in *The Review of Economics and Statistics*. • **Dorothea Fonseca Werneck**, MA '75, is minister of commerce in Brazil.

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Charles Polachi, Jr. '82 is managing partner and co-founder of Fenwick Partners, which conducts searches for high technology clients ranging from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies. Fenwick has been named by *Executive Recruiting News* as one of the top 50 North American executive search firms since 1986. •

Patricia Brennan Leary '92 has been named VP for corporate lending at Citizens Bank. • **John L. Harrington** '66 received the Daniel F. Marr, Jr. Community Service Award this past Aug. • **David Roegge** '90 married Sabra Jones Aug. 19. They live in Weston. • **Tom Coffey** '90 and **Doug** '90 and **Patti Lyons Massey** '90 were in attendance. • **Richard Kennedy** '89 was promoted to business development manager at Lotus Development Corp., covering the federal government and Southeast corporate accounts. He resides in Alexandria, VA. • A few deaths to report: **Harmon Rifkin** '69 on April 29, '95; **Barry Karamourtopoulos** '83 on Jan. 20, '95; **Irene Freedman**, Feb. 21, '94; **Janice O'Grady** '79, Dec. 16, '94; **J. Harold Hagler** '62 on Jan. 17, '95; and **Stephen Janshego** '75, April 7, '95. • And now for some happier news: **Denise Doiron** '93 just celebrated her first anniversary of marriage to John McGeough. Also recently married was **Daniel Silva** '88 to Anne Wills. • **Thomas Berger** '76 is now VP for finance and CFO at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago. • **Frank Hill** '76 has been recognized as one of Registered Representative's recipient of the 1995 Outstanding Broker Awards. He is a senior VP/financial consultant at Smith Barney's 53 State Street office in Boston. • **Patrick Cataldo** '68 is now VP of Bellcore TEC. He is responsible for an organization of 350 people who deliver educational programs and products on managing telecommunications systems to over 30,000 customers annually. • **Sandeep Grover** '90 says hello to Barry Borak, Tom Coffey,

KEEP IN TOUCH

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Brian Goeslt, Nancy Griffin, Steve Brogno and Carlos Tobon. His address is: Shriram Asset Management, 101 Dalamar Tower, Free Press Marg, Nariman Point, Bombay, India. • **Lourdes Zeik-Chivi** '84 is married to Zak and has three children: Simon Peter, 5; Madelaine Rose, 4; and Sarah Lourdes, 2. She also manages the family jewelry organization, Leonard Jewelers in Elizabeth and Red Bank NJ. Her address is 10 Jennifer Drive, Holmdel, NJ. • **Alan Keiran** '70 has retired to the most beautiful section of the country—Boulder, CO—and invites old friends to contact him. • **Mark Dayrit** '91 is currently president of Mark Securities Corp. and a director of Pacific Asia Capital Corp.—two financial institutions in the Philippines. Those who are interested to know about investment opportunities in the Philippines can contact him. • **Lilia Lau** '88 has changed her address: PO Box 623, David, Chiriqui, Republic of Panama. • **Bob Ellis** '69 says "If you plan to buy real estate on Cape Cod, call me at 508-540-1100." • **Christopher Bicho** '92 married in April '95 and lived in Newport, RI during the summer. • **David Jenkins** '90 had his third child on May 12, '95. He has worked for USWest for almost five years. He plans to leave the corporate world soon and move to the heart of the Colorado Rockies for a more relaxed job in the ski industry! • **Francis Ted Crowley** '64, senior VP and CFO, AK20 Nobel Salt Inc., retired April 1, '95, but is remaining as a consultant representing the firm for charitable/community activities. • **Carolyn Carrie Baker** '87 has been promoted to economic development specialist at the NYC dept. of economic development. She is a scuba instructor and teaches part-time at Binghamton Univ. • **Lisa Nelles** '88 married Peter Lauterbach on April 8, '95. **Jennifer Trakas** '87 was a bridesmaid. Lisa and Peter honeymooned in Hawaii. They now live in Watertown. • **Jeff Grayson** '73 is a Pizzeria Uno franchisee in Central Florida. • **Albert Arsenault** '70 is still interested in teaching at the college level and doing his PhD in business. His health is very good and so is his brain. • **Mary Elizabeth Luebke Brennan** '86 married Scott Brennan in '93; they live in Greenwich Village. She is an associate director in the securities division of Teachers Insurance and Annuity

Association in New York. • **John DeVoy III** '95 is now employed at Liberty Mutual Insurance Group as an investment analyst. He and wife Julia married Dec. 17, '94 at St. Ignatius and traveled to Vienna, Austria for their honeymoon. • **Jim Daviti** '89 says "Hello to all my classmates and hope you're all doing well. Go Eagles!" • **Rich Anzalone** '88 was recently honored at the RE/MAX national convention for being in the top 1% of all Realtors in the nation. Call about his special BC discount. • **David Donelan** '86 celebrated the birth of his son, Christopher, on May 11, '95. He was recently promoted to director of sales and support at Tactician Corp. • **Michael Coyle** '89 says to visit him at his country inn in Sugar Hill, NH, the Sunset Hill House, 1-800-SUN-HILL. • **Paul LaViolette** '81 was promoted to group president, Boston Scientific Corp., Natick. • **David Hagan** '91 is now a community banking portfolio analyst at Fleet Bank in Providence. His son, Ben, 3, who was diagnosed with leukemia last May is doing very well. They live in Pomfret, CT. • **Maura Dunn** '88 recently joined Scudder, Stevens and Clark in Boston as VP of shareholder services in the information services group. She is currently residing in Cohasset with husband, John, and daughter, Brittany, 4.

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Mary Kodiath, MS '82, established a clinic in India to service the needs of those in pain and suffering. Each year a team of health providers is brought to the clinic for two weeks to work with people and study their problems. BCSO has been invited to participate. If anyone wishes to contact Mary, you can write to her at 13645 Cattawba Drive, Paway, CA 92064. • **Jennifer Nichols**, ASC '95, joined the staff of the pediatric intensive care unit as the first nurse practitioner to work in inpatient pediatric service at Mass. General Hospital (MGH). The creation of this new role came about collaboratively, explains nurse manager Susan Humphreys, RN: "We were looking ahead to the changes in residency availability, and wanted to introduce

more continuity in patient-care management." Nichols describes her position as 80% direct patient care and 20% non-clinical responsibilities, such as staff education, research and collaboration. Says Nichols, "More and more, the collaborative approach is becoming the new standard." Nichols and Humphreys are hoping this will pave the way for more inpatient pediatric nurse practitioners at MGH and across the country. • **Peggy S. Matteson**, PhD '91, published a book, *Advocating for Self: Women's Decisions Concerning Contraception* (1995), and co-wrote a book entitled *Teaching Nursing in the Neighborhoods: The Northeastern University Model* with **Margaret A. Mahoney**, PhD '92.

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The GSSW Alumni Board is currently seeking alumni who would be willing to volunteer and share their gifts/expertise with agencies who are unable to reimburse a volunteer for his or her services. An example of this is the Good Shepherd's Maria Droste Services, located in Quincy—of which I am the founder and director. Seven GSSW graduates volunteer on a regular weekly or bi-weekly basis. This program also has volunteers from other schools. This agency has had a GSSW intern since Sept. '93. Because of the volunteers' generosity of time and expertise, Maria Droste has just completed their third move into larger quarters in the same building since opening in July '92. Thus, clients are seen based on their ability to make use of therapy rather than to pay a fee. Many agencies in human services have been negatively affected by managed care and a drastic reduction of federal, state and local aid. So now, more than ever, agencies desperately need professionals to volunteer one or two hours weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or yearly in order that they can continue to provide services to children, adolescents or adults who are hurting. Expertise can be in providing psychotherapy; running a group; helping an agency establish short and long term goals and discerning how to implement them; providing on-going training for a cluster of agencies; helping an

agency prepare a budget or determining if they are complying with the rules and regulations of the Agency Purchasing Services. I am sure that you can think of many other services an agency might need and a skill you could provide. If you think you might be interested, please contact **Tom O'Donnell** '59, 200 Cove Way #502, Quincy, MA 02169; (617) 472-9782. • Congratulations to **Jimena Loveluck** '90, who has filled Fr. Driscoll's position as executive director of the GSSW Alumni Association. Jimena brings intelligence, energy, enthusiasm and expertise to the board. We wish her a long, satisfying and productive stay. More information on Jimena will be in the next issue. • **Donald J. Emond** '62 is the new President of the GSSW alumni board. Don is president and CEO of Family Services of Fall River, as well as a peer reviewer for the Council on Accreditation of Services to Family and Children. This necessitates his traveling throughout the US and Canada. Additionally, Don represents GSSW on the BC Alumni Association board. • **Joanne Russo** '94 married Frederick Douglas Bennett in February '95. The couple resides in Quincy. Joanne is working at Southwest Boston Senior Services in Roslindale as an elder-at-risk worker. • **Msgr. Joseph T. Alves** '48 has moved to 933 Central Street #111, Framingham 01701. His telephone number is (508) 820-0662. While enjoying retirement, he continues to be active in the Institute for Learning in Retirement at BC. In 1994, he led a course in Verdi's operas, and this year, a course in Magnificent Music. Msgr. Alves is also active in the Eire Society as well as many other organizations.

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DEATHS

Edward J. Gill GA&S '22,
Stoughton, 10/10/95

Gerald I. Flynn '25, Milton, 4/24/95

Harry R. Chisholm '29, Zellwood,
FL, 8/24/95

Patrick T. Fallon '29, GA&S '30,
Salem, 10/25/95

Rev. Francis X. Lawlor, SJ '32,
Weston, 8/23/95

Brig. Gen. John F. Dobbin,
USMC '33, Winter Park, FL,
7/29/95

Philip E. Dooley '33, Locust
Grove, VA, 1/15/95

Rev. George F. Lawlor, SJ '33,
GA&S '57, '63, Chestnut Hill,
8/6/95

Thomas D. Murphy, Esq. LAW '33,
Chicopee, 11/24/95

David R. Corey, MD '34, Boynton
Beach, FL, 9/8/95

Msgr. Russell H. Davis EX '34,
Duxbury, 9/26/95

Sr. Denisita White, SSJ '34,
Framingham, 1/2/95

Dr. Grover J. Cronin, Jr. '35, East
Lyme, CT, 10/11/95

Rev. John P. Foley, SJ GA&S '35,
Chestnut Hill, 10/21/95

Elmer P. Rynne '35, Lowell,
10/20/95

Frank A. Metz '36, San
Bernardino, CA 7/19/95

Rev. James P. Hanlon, SJ WES '37,
'44, '50, Dorchester, 9/14/95

Dr. Beaumont A. Herman GA&S
'37, Springfield, 8/8/95

John J. Carty '38, Hyannis, 10/1/94

Mary Claire Durant '38, GA&S '42,
'55, Brewster, 8/10/95

Joseph F. Everett EX '38, Natick,
9/23/95

Richard A. MacDonald EX '38,
Suffield, CT 10/30/94

Msgr. Mimie B. Pitaro EX '38,
Brockton, 9/3/95

Paul A. Snell '38, Plymouth, 8/14/95

Rev. A. Paul Gallivan '39, N.
Scituate, 10/16/95

Rev. John V. O'Connor, SJ '39,
GA&S '42, Washington, DC,
9/21/95

James E. Burke '40, Needham,
8/8/95

Walter C. Herlihy, Esq. '40, LAW
'48, Beverly, 10/12/94

Frederick J. Leahy, Sr. '40,
Milton, 9/28/95

Catherine T. White GSSW '40,
Belmont, 5/12/95

Joseph C. Murray, SR EX '41,
Taunton, 8/3/95

Paul S. O'Neal '41, Marco Island,
FL, 10/18/95

James J. Barnicle '42, Needham,
9/14/95

Martin J. Hansberry '42, Waltham,
10/20/95

Robert J. Andrews EX '43, E.
Bridgewater, 9/24/95

Arthur C. Jordan '43, S. Chatham,
6/26/95

Edward J. Duffey EX '44, W.
Roxbury, 4/26/95

Catherine Carey Tierney GSSW
'44, Milton, 6/29/95

Rev. John F. Harrington, MM EX
'45, 12/1/94

Phyllis Crowley Kattany GA&S '45,
Natick, 11/12/94

Rev. Roger A. McQuarrie, OFM
EX '45, 9/4/95

Gerard F. Donovan '47, N.
Quincy, 8/19/95

Robert C. Najjar '49, Rochester,
NY, 8/8/95

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'52, Danvers, 9/14/95

Paul M. Driscoll '50, GSOE '57,
Brighton, 9/30/95

Arthur T. Roberts, PhD '50,
Timonium, MD, 8/5/95

Thomas J. Devane '51, Waltham,
8/28/95

Robert L. Farrell, Esq. '51, LAW
'54, W. Roxbury, 7/27/95

Joseph Bennett Holden '51, Salem,
OR, 5/4/95

Edward A. Lamphier '51,
Marshfield Hills, 10/3/95

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Revere, 9/3/95

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Cape Elizabeth, ME, 4/28/95

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10/4/95

George N. McDevitt '54,
Wellesley, 9/4/95

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CGSOM '65, Needham, 8/15/95

Sr. Mary Lanning GA&S '55,
Ipswich, 8/9/95

Kevin A. Burns '56, Newton,
10/28/95

Charles T. Holt '56, W. Peabody,
9/25/95

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'57, Attleboro, 5/9/95

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GA&S '66, Westwood, 9/16/95

Ralph J. Flynn '57, San Mateo,
CA, 4/22/95

Louis J. Resca, Jr. '57, Braintree,
10/10/95

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7/6/95

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Eastham, 10/6/95

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William J. Foley, Esq. '59, Revere,
10/27/95

Dr. Francis R. McLellan '59,
Roslindale, 8/15/95

Lenora J. Sughrue GA&S '59,
Manchester, NH, 8/4/95

James F. Watt GSSW '59,
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Thomas P. Melia '62, Manchester,
10/1/95

James C. McCann '63, Seattle,
WA, 7/6/95

William C. Riley '64, Boston,
8/1/95

Anne E. Sullivan NC '64, New
York, NY, 11/17/95

Hon. James P. Dohoney LAW '66,
Great Barrington, 8/7/95

Jude T. Flynn CGSOM '66, San
Francisco, CA, 11/28/94

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'66, Scotia, NY, 5/10/95

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Presenters: John L. Mahoney, Jr.
Director of Undergraduate Admission

Nancy Goldsmith-Caruso
Associate Director of Undergraduate Admission

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Milltown 21st August 1847

My dear Children

Your Mother and myself never enjoyed greater pleasure than when we heard from ye, and I must confess that never a Letter gave us greater comfort than your last one, dated 30th July. From the accts. daily arriving here of the great mortality prevailing in America, we gave up Michael as lost but thank the great God, we are now easy as we are sure that he is well and with ye. We have other causes of pleasure also. You have a young Son. May God spare him as a Comfort to his parents, and the parents to nurture him, and tho his Grandmother and I cannot have the pleasure of seeing him and giving him our blessing, I assure you that both of us pray for him and send him our blessing. You also say that Jeffry is married, that gives us additional pleasure. Moreover as We fondly hope that he has married with the advice of the rest. And as you give us such good character of his Wife. The name of Conway was always most respectable in this County. And next to Kerry, Tipperary is the only county in Ireland I love best . . . You seem to doubt that your Mother lives. She does thank God. I would be poorly if she did not. I would not deny it on any acct. She was very sick for about 3 Months, no great hopes were entertained of her recovery, but thank God she is well now. She was only recovering slowly when I was laid sick and I was somewhat delirious for 11 weeks, however I recovered thank God. We wanted nothing. Ye sent us the means and we wanted it. Maurice and his family live still in the same place but they have no employment. John Lynch has nothing to do. Maurice and his family were successively lying in fever, each of them got a relapse two or three times, your Mother sent out Nell West Nursetender to attend Maurice who was the first that got sick. She remained there until the last was well. They can never return ye thanks. It was what ye sent your Mother and me that kept them alive. We had to look to the old and young. We could not see them in want without sharing with them while we had it, that leaves us penniless. What ye sent us is nearly gone. . . The kitchen gardens were tilled and grew but they were damaged like last year. . . We cannot say much about the Crops yet, they grow up, but as only small quantities of Potatoes were sown last season none of them is coming into our market yet. . . I am very sorry to hear that young Patrick Heffernan of Rathpoque died within a few hours sail of Quebec and my poor friend Mary Connor, sister to Jerry Connor late of Milltown who was going to her Brothers to Hamilton, I heard died after landing. The accounts of deaths daily received here are really terrifying. Write to us without delay. We will be very uneasy until we hear from ye again . . . I remain my dear Children affectionately

Your father

James Prendergast

P.S. Michael's Wife & family desire that he will soon write to let them know how he is.



James and Elizabeth

Prendergast family tree

P.S. I attempted to write my name and tho I was supported by Maurice and your Mother I was unable to finish it. Nature is nearly exhausted.

On December 15, 1848, James Prendergast dictated what he knew must be his last communication to his children in Boston. He died three days later. The next word the Prendergast children received from Milltown, below, would be in the hand of their mother, who wrote Christmas Eve to tell them the news.

Milltown 26th Sept. 1847

My dear Children

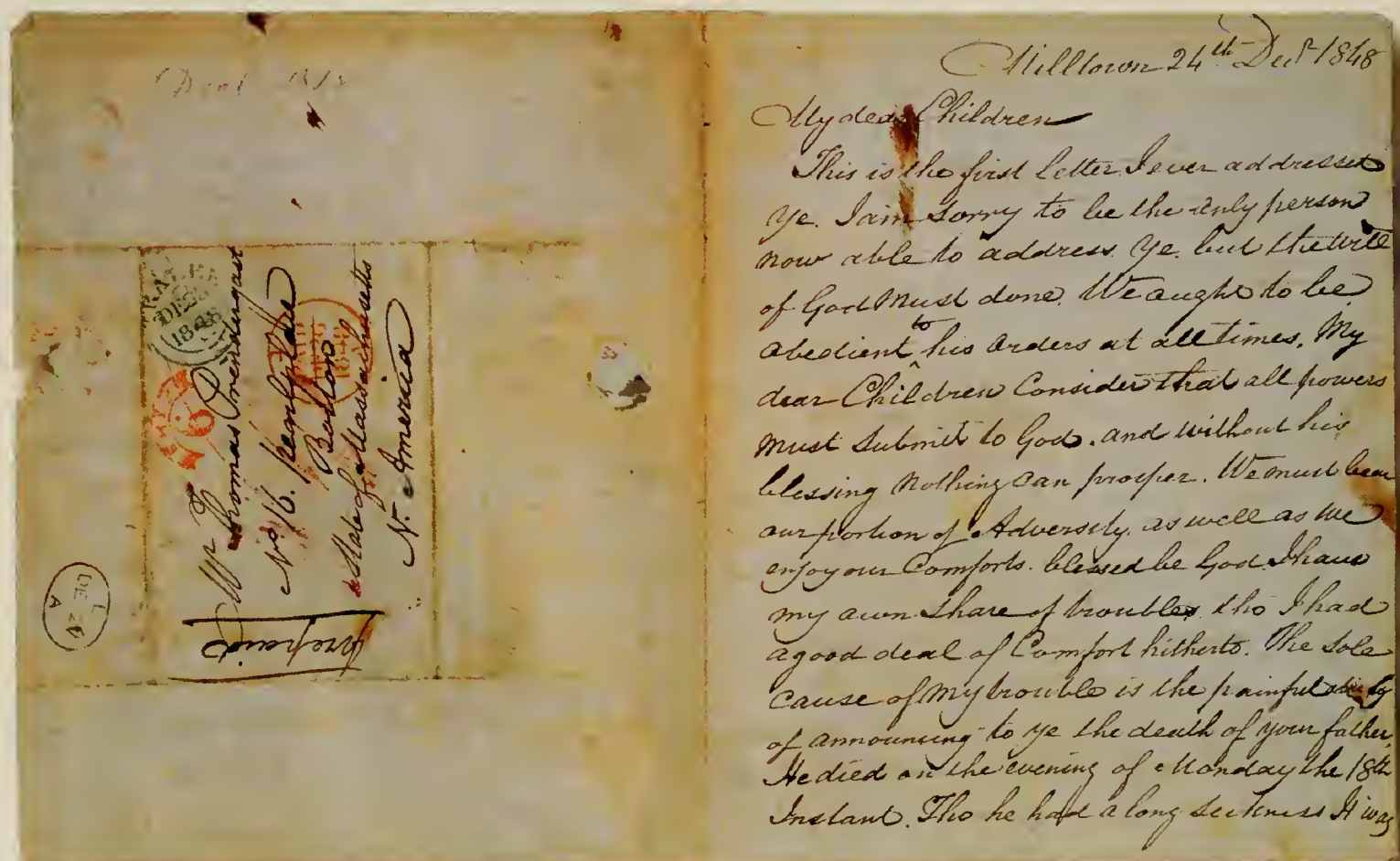
I received your Letter of the 31st August last with a check for £10 . . . [Maurice] is in raptures for saying ye sent for his Son James, and the Boy himself is most anxious for the call, he will be ready as soon as ye send and I hope he will shew himself worthy of being called out. He is active, strong, and I think both graceful and grateful. I need not say that your Mother and I can enjoy no pleasure equal to that of hearing from ye at all times. We should be the last of parents, if we did not allow what every one here does that ye are the best Children that left this Country for the last 100 years. Those who never saw ye or knew ye, are thankful to ye and pray for Ye in consequence of the kindness ye have shewn us . . . Your Mother Joins me in sending ye our blessing and I remain affectionately

Your Father
James Prendergast

Milltown 29th October 1848

My dear Children

. . . James Maurice returns ye sincere thanks and says he will be happy when ye call him out I believe. I hope that his conduct & appearance will reflect no discredit on ye. He is clever & well behaved. Ye desired to let ye know the State of the Country . . . It is bad in one respect, distress is very great, the blight swept off the potatoe Crop, and this left provision short here. We have no sort



of employment for the poor, and the Workhouses are scarcely suff[icient] to receive them. Farmers are oppressed with poor rates & other charges. Many are deserting their farms and flying to America as fast as they can, destitution is seen almost every where. As for any disturbances, We know nothing of them here. Our part of the Country is as quiet as ever. They had some meetings & speeches down the Country. Some of the leaders were apprehended & tried, some transported, others found guilty of treasons and I suppose must suffer, unless the Crown extends mercy to them, but I know nothing of these affairs. And ye may as well never enquire of me about them . . .

Affectionately
Your Father
James Prendergast

Milltown 15th Dec. 1848

My dear Children

Last night's post brought me your Letter dated 20th Nov. and containing a Check for £5 to Daniel Riordan. I was glad to see that Con did not forget his Brother . . . It added to my day to hear from ye at present as I dreaded I should never have that pleasure. And I am sure It will be the last. When I sent the last letter in reply to the one ye sent the 3rd of October containing an order for £9, I was unwell, but I did not choose to alarm ye, especially as I expected to hear from ye in the course of a short time, and I hoped my illness would wear off. In this I was mistaken. My Malady encreased, and for the last six weeks, I am confined to my bed. Thank God the priest attended to me a few days since. He and the Doctor say I cannot expect to hold out long. The only regret I feel in quitting this life is that of leaving your Mother alone, but I am reconciled to submit to the will of Heaven, as I know ye will not neglect her. I am sure ye may address the next letter to her as I think I will not live then. Ye may keep my illness from Julia as long as ye can and prepare her for the account by degrees.

Thanks to your goodness my dear Children I had every comfort hitherto, but now I am penniless, the last of what I had is gone. A long illness in these times takes away money very quickly. If I die, as I am sure I will before many days, there is not a shilling in the House to defray my funeral expenses, and your Mother must have recourse to credit from some neighbours until ye relieve her. The neighbours think so much of her and ye that I hope they will not refuse her. She is in as good health, as strong as you saw her for some time past, were it not for the trouble she is undergoing during my sickness. Maurice was present at writing this. He attends me regularly in raising and laying me on my bed. He and his family are in good health. Michael's Wife and Children & people in law are well & of the Children, Julia, James & John were unwell since November last but they are perfectly recovered now. His wife received a Letter from him with

a check for £11. I suppose he will receive a Letter from her immediately. My dear Children, as I am sure this will be the last from me, receive with it my paternal benediction. May the almighty merciful God bless and protect ye. I offer this prayer for each and every of my Children, not forgetting Con, the two Kates. My blessing attend ye always. I will say no more than that I am

Affectionately your Father
James Prendergast

P.S. I attempted to write my name and tho I was supported by Maurice and your Mother I was unable to finish it. Nature is nearly exhausted. I then desired Daniel Connell who always writes for me to put my name to it.

Milltown 24th Dec. 1848

My dear Children

This is the first letter I ever addressed ye. I am sorry to be the only person now able to address ye, but the will of God must be done. We ought to be obedient to his orders at all times. My dear Children consider that all powers must submit to God, and without his blessing nothing can prosper. We must bear our portion of Adversity, as well as we enjoy our Comforts, blessed be God. I have my own share of troubles tho I had a good deal of Comfort hitherto. The sole cause of my trouble is the painful duty of announcing to ye the death of your father. He died on the evening of Monday the 18th Instant. Tho he had a long sickness It was not painful. Nature only wasted gradually. I was as well able to attend him as when at the age 20. He wanted no care, his daughter in law Michael's Wife nursed him as carefully as any daughter could. Her own father could expect no more. I had not a single shilling to bury him but Nelly said she had plenty and that she would see him as respectably interred as if her Husband were at home and she fulfilled her Word. He was interred in Keel alongside his Son John. Not a farmer in the parishes here was attended to the grave with greater respect, nor with greater decency than his daughter in law sent him to his long home. Ye should never forget her attention to him nor will I during my life. She & her children are well. The children are well tho after a long fit of illness. Your Aunt Norry and her daughter Mrs. Webb were here a few days before his death and came secondly the evening before his death; they asked me to go out with them, but your father desired I would keep my own little house during my life and I intend doing as he desired me. Maurice attended him regularly. He was here on the 15th (Milltown fair day) when your father sent ye a letter with his blessing, which I am sorry to say he truly [knew] to be his last. I now send every one of ye as he did my blessing. I suppose tho I am strong yet, I cannot hold long. Time wears every thing. I know I need not state that I am now dependant on ye. I know ye will [not] neglect repaying Nelly for what she laid out for your

father's funeral. She deserves every attention. Maurice desires to be remembered to ye. Poor fellow is in grief, he begs of me to request that ye will keep Julia ignorant of her father's death as long as possible. I am My dear Children

Affectionately,
Your Mother
Elizabeth Prendergast

Milltown 23rd Feb. 1850

My dear Julia

Your Letter of the 5th Instant arrived here on the 20th, and I need not say that I could have no greater pleasure than to hear that my Children are well and happy, and I would feel equally happy to go & spend the rest of my life with them whatever may be the danger or fatigue of the Voyage. But I have one reason for not attempting it and I think you will deem me just. You know according to the course of Nature I cannot live long, and as I began the World, when young, with your Father, I think I would act unfairly If I did not wish to be buried with him. I have no greater wish than [to] enjoy a portion of the same grave, so my dear child, I am fully determined to remain until that period which of course cannot be very distant . . .

Editor's note: In the same letter Elizabeth Prendergast also addresses her son.

My Dear Thomas

. . . I am very Sorry to have to tell you that poor Maurice was very unlucky with regard to the check he rec. from his Son. The 3rd night after being paid the amt. some person came at night and took the Box which contained £4 away. The Box was found broken near the lake on the following Morning. He suspects a Boy of John Lynch's, John David Sullivan. James knows him. He is a bad Character, it left [Maurice] bare & poorly situated . . . I send ye all my blessing & remain affectionately

Your Mother
Elizabeth Prendergast

Milltown 14th July 1850

My dear Children

I received your Letter of the 25th of June last bringing three checks for £5 each, and as you say it was very timely relief to each for whom they were intended. I need not say what pleasure we enjoy when we hear that ye are well. All your friends here are well. Michael's Wife and Children are well, and so are Maurice & family. As I suppose their own letters will reach ye as soon as this I need say no more about them. I am in good health thank God, and I am sure I would be 15 years younger if I were once with ye. And I hope I will soon enjoy that pleasure if ye send for me. I am sure ye will think it strange to say I have changed my mind so soon, but I will explain to you

the reason. When last ye sent for me, I was unwilling to go that I may help Maurice who was then as I thought really distressed. Now he is not so as his son sent him good relief thro the assistance of his uncles. I pretended that I promised your father to be buried with him, but now I must tell the truth, he never desired it. His last words to me were that he would wish I should go to my children and be under the eye of my daughter if I thought I could endure the fatigue of the Voyage, but if I did not go he desired I should be buried in Keel. I am sure I am strong & healthy enough & I am sure I would get better from the thought of being going to my children. Therefore I hope & request ye will send for me as soon as possible while I have the fair weather and I will go without delay. I can live with ye at less expence and with more comfort to myself. For if ye sent me £5 every month I could save nothing. Tell Julia I got the black allapacha and second Mourning for which she enquired together with the other articles which I named in a former letter. I expect ye will let me know what I shall do to John's Orphan. I feel it a real hardship to part her, however I will be governed by ye who are supporting her & me. She is a good hardy girl about 8 years old. I mentioned her in my former Letter. And as it seems ye forgot saying any thing about her I wish to mention the matter again for ye to act as ye please.

As to the news of the day here, there is no alteration since the last. We have no sort of employment and provisions, that is to say indian meal is plentiful [but] it is not easy to procure it, as money is very scarce. And nothing doing. I send my love and blessing to each and every of my Children & their families not forgetting Con & Julia. Tell James Maurice I am thankful to him for enquiring for me. I hope he is a good Boy and obedient to the advice of his Uncles & Aunt. May God bless & preserve ye all is the Constant prayer of your

Affectionate Mother
Elizabeth Prendergast

Milltown 7th August 1850

My dear Children

I suppose ye have received that last letter I sent about the 8th of July last and that ye will be very much surprized at receiving this so soon. But when I explain the reason you will understand. I hope that I am right. The blight came on early this season & it is thought the Potatoe crop is lost. In general it is feared that this year will be worse than any of the years past. Maurice had a large Garden but is lost. What he & I laid out on it would buy a great deal more than its produce. Now I should be calling on ye always for relief and after all I would not be the better for it, as I could make no reserve while any of my family appeared distressed. So I will be much more happy by living with ye. And it will cost ye less to send me at once as much as will take me out than to be always remitting me assistance. The sooner ye send the better. I understand that Mary Mahony (Timothy Mahony's Widow) received some Money from her daughters Judy & Nancy

who are in Boston. And that she, her young daughter, and her son are preparing to go out. In that case I would be glad to be with them, as I am sure they would take as much care of me as any person could. So the sooner ye send for me the better . . . Reply to this without delay and let me [know] how all of ye are, do not forget Con or Julia. I remain affectionately

Your Mother
Elizabeth Prendergast

Milltown 19th Aug. 1850

My dear Children

Just now, the Postboy handed me your letter of the 7th Instant, covering a check for £5. I need not say what joy I feel when I hear that ye are all well, and how I am more than joyful at the thoughts of being going to my dear children. Figure to yourself what comforts I anticipate at the thoughts of embracing each every of you so long parted from me. I have another cause of great pleasure and joy. Namely your sending for John's little Orphan. She is going from Misery and parting a tribe I never liked. We are ready as soon as the Agent will call on us. I hope we will be well prepared. I have a good featherbed & plenty bedclothes to take with me. And ye have sent me the means to procure the rest . . . As I expect to see ye all shortly I will only say that I remain affectionately

Your Mother
Elizabeth Prendergast

Liverpool, [postmarked September 20, 1850]

My Dear and Loving Son Thomas

. . . I wish to let you know that we are here 7 days under heavy Cost waiting until the ship sails, her name is Noibe [*Niobe*] and her captain name is Soule which is to leave Liverpool [England] on the 21st instant, we have no account of the *Western Star*. I have to inform ye that there was not 6 persons in the boat but fell sick from Cork to Liverpool but myself which braved that much . . .

Your Loving Mother until Death
Elizabeth Prendergast


[P.S.] Florence Riordan wishes to be kindly Remembered to his loving Brother and his wife Julia and to all the Boys. May the Blessing of God be with you all.

Editor's note: The Niobe arrived in Boston from Liverpool on October 26, 1850. The passenger list included Elizabeth Prendergast, age 60, Julia Prendergast, age seven, and Florence Riordan, age 20. According to Edward McCarron, an immigration historian at Stonehill College, who has studied the Prendergast letters, there is no record of the Mabony family on the ship's roster. He suspects that Elizabeth Prendergast waited for her friends to arrive from Ireland on the Western Star but was forced to leave when the Niobe set sail, rather than risk being stranded in Liverpool. ●

I expect ye will let me know what I shall do to John's Orphan. I feel it a real hardship to part her, however I will be governed by ye who are supporting her and me. She is a good hardy girl about 8 years old.



After leaving Milltown, marked by the star, right, Elizabeth Prendergast sailed to the English port of Liverpool, where she and her granddaughter Julia spent an anxious week awaiting the ship that would take them to America. It was from Liverpool that Elizabeth mailed her final letter to Boston.



The tragedy of 1845 created an unbridgeable gulf between the Irish who were and the Irish who are

THE GREAT DIVIDE

A DISCUSSION WITH RUTH-ANN HARRIS, VISITING PROFESSOR OF HISTORY IN IRISH STUDIES, AND KEVIN O'NEILL, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND CO-DIRECTOR OF IRISH STUDIES. MODERATED BY BCM ASSOCIATE EDITOR BRUCE MORGAN.

BCM: One million people died in the famine. Another two million emigrated. How did that enormous loss change Ireland?

O'Neill: Well, as a social historian, I'd have to begin with the decimation of the agricultural laboring community in Ireland—people who worked on small farms. On the eve of the famine they probably represented about half of the population. At the end of the famine their numbers had been halved, and those numbers continued to decline right through the end of the century. Population dropped in every census after 1851 right through to 1951—that's a century of continuous population decline. That's very unusual; usually after a famine you see an increase in the birth rate as a kind of recovery mechanism.

Why didn't the birth rate recover?

O'Neill: Those who died during the famine and those who left the country were not its only victims. The famine destroyed the economic and cultural system upon which the poor relied. Those with small farms were the part of the population that was most devastated by the famine.

They relied on the potato for subsistence. In postfamine years they never recovered the viability of that form of survival.

Harris: Yes, in a sense the famine wiped out a whole class of people.

O'Neill: It's a cruel fact of nature and life, but after a disaster like that, there are normally more resources available per person because so many people have been lost. And that was probably true in Ireland. The standard of living did, in fact, rise for most survivors. Because there was more land to go around, there was a decrease in real rents after the famine. There was a great deal of that sort of normal recovery activity.

But the birth rate did not recover. Part of that is due, I think, simply to the devastation of the landless population and their reading of their situation. They were not foolish people; they understood the fragile nature of their existence after the famine. For that group of people, emigration became a logical alternative to life in Ireland.

Did the famine alter the role of the family or the community in Irish culture?

Harris: I think families saw themselves as people in a lifeboat and knew that only certain members could survive. There was a harshness within family relations. I think of a story I encountered about two Irish brothers. One had specialized in potatoes before the famine, and the other had kept a mix of oats and potatoes and turnips. The brother who had lost his entire crop came to the other for help, and his brother refused him. So I think you see the famine generating a large scale of very bitter relations within families.

O'Neill: There is certainly a brewing up of tension within families as the ability to marshal resources is eroded. But at the same time, I think, the family becomes more important. In areas where the community was almost as important as family, you could depend on your neighbor in times of scarcity. When that social fabric breaks, as it does during a famine, then the only source of survival and stability is the family.

Kevin Whelan, a visiting professor in Irish studies this year, describes a melancholy that afflicted the Irish after the famine [see "Bitter harvest," page 20].

Harris: Some scholars have observed that rates of attendance at Mass were fairly low prior to the famine, and you can see that large numbers of people began to attend church after it struck. The priesthood during this period was very, very opposed to customs such as dancing and to the rather carefree life prior to the famine. That melancholy may be partly because people were returning to Mass and hearing the priest say, "This is what happened because you forsook God."

Did the Irish themselves interpret the famine as punishment for their sins? Was there a sense of guilt associated with the tragedy?

O'Neill: Well, certainly some did. Many saw the famine as a punishment, although exactly what it was a punishment for varied from church to church. The Catholic Church focused on sexuality, whereas Protestant churches often focused on what they saw as the laziness and subcivilized nature of the Irish.

I think you have to be careful, though. The melancholy that people talk about as part of the Irish character was certainly there before the famine. Many people from the Elizabethan period onward wrote about the manic-depressive nature of the Irish character. There is a brooding melancholia connected to a wild, euphoric energy in Irish people. I think the famine was like a war; everyone understood that some terrible change had taken place. Even those who were quite distant from the actual harm of the famine itself could see that.

How did the famine change relations between Ireland and Great Britain?

Harris: The Irish patriot James Connolly said that if you believe in a capitalist economy, you have to accept what the administrators and officials did during the famine. In other words, they should not be held responsible. I was reading this recently, and I was thinking: This is hard.



Kevin O'Neill

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O'Neill: It's a good statement. It's a conundrum.

Harris: Yes, exactly. Because capitalism does require certain kinds of behavior.

Were the landlords predominantly Irish, or were they British?

O'Neill: Before the famine most Irish people would have answered that question very simply: they saw the landlords as Irish—Protestant Irish, but certainly Irish. The famine injected a new kind of politics. It allowed a hard separatist like John Mitchell [a member of Young Ireland, who emigrated to the United States in 1848] to gain spiritual control of the Irish nationalist movement.

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What did he mean by that?

O'Neill: Well, he never used the word *genocide*, but certainly that was what he was thinking. Mitchell argued that, although the loss of the potato represented a serious challenge to civil administration in Ireland, there was plenty of food in the country. He's actually the origin of most of the bedrock folk understanding of the famine that exists today among many Irish people.

Mitchell pointed to the British government and said that they caused the famine by refusing to ban exports of food from Ireland. He argued—and historians are still arguing about this—that there was enough food in Ireland to feed everyone, despite the loss of the potato. And he kept pointing to that and hammering away that it was simple proof of Britain's perfidy in Ireland, that this was conscious policy.

Did the famine radicalize the Irish people?

O'Neill: Yes. Its effect can be seen through the rise in the 1850s of a new type of Irish revolutionary and nationalism. Interestingly and prophetically, that revival of nationalist energy and spirit comes partly through the United States—through the diaspora of Irish people who fled the

famine and settled in Boston, in New York, in Philadelphia. That's where a new type of Irish revolutionary movement was being forged.

The Irish Republican Brotherhood was formed in 1853, and it was directly descended from both Young Ireland and the famine immigrants. It was a much more plebeian organization than Young Ireland. A lot of the members were tradesmen, many of whom had grown up on small farms in Ireland. It had a much less intellectual approach to politics. The Brotherhood believed that a military separation from Great Britain was the only solution to Ireland's problems.

What was so new about this and so worrisome to the British was that it was a transatlantic organization. Things that the Brotherhood members couldn't do in Ireland because of British censorship and military presence, they could do easily in New York and Boston.

These kinds of U.S. networks that are set up to support Irish political movements are still very much with us, aren't they?

O'Neill: Oh, absolutely. The model that was forged in the 1860s through the Irish Republican Brotherhood had various sister organizations here. You can also link it to agrarian radicalism, which has always been a part of Irish local politics and which was nationalized by Republicanism. It pulled together many of the local, agrarian secret societies into a national network.

Harris: Bear in mind that this was a great age of the newspaper. The press was extremely important in all of this. You had a lot of Irish journalists working in England.

O'Neill: And in New York.

Harris: Yes. Of course, the United States had a highly charged political atmosphere in that decade before the Civil War.

How is the famine thought of in today's Ireland? Is the subject discussed at all?

O'Neill: Well, until very recently, the answer would have been a resounding no.

Harris: I think there was a sense of shame. People felt that somehow or other it was God's visitation on them and that they had done something wrong. I was look-

ing at some of my notes recently. The Irish Folklore Commission was founded in 1927, when people realized that with emigration and with older people dying, a lot of the local history was disappearing. In about 1943, as the centennial neared, they started collecting stories from the famine. There is one story about an old man who, every time he saw a bowl full of potatoes brought to the table, burst into tears.

At one point Irish migrant laborers typically carried half-cooked potatoes in their pockets. That was their food. Remember the story you told me once, Kevin, about your grandfather when he was living with you, and you said the potatoes were undercooked? He remembered being a laborer and carrying them that way.

O'Neill: Yes. He ate them that way intentionally.

Harris: Because undercooked potatoes have more energy?

O'Neill: Undercooked potatoes are hard to digest, so you would have a sense of having food in your belly longer.

Harris: People did carry those kinds of memories. I think of the Irish scholar Cormac O'Grada. Visiting at his house in Ireland once about 20 years ago, I saw his mother put a bowl of potatoes on the table. His three brothers and I each took a potato from the bowl, and I started eating the peel, the way Americans do. His mother said to me, "No one will eat potato skins in my house. No one in this family has eaten potato skins since the famine, and you're not going to be the first one."

O'Neill: The famine was a taboo subject. The memories were awful, and one way to deal with awful memories is simply to repress them. But another reason for the taboo was that to broach the subject of the famine was to open a very serious problem up to discussion. And that problem was the breakdown of the social system.

Irish people before the famine had lived in a communitarian society in which they assisted one another, and individuals could claim the right to survival from the community—not seek it as charity but actually claim it. It was my right as a



In an 1846 *Punch* cartoon, John Bull asks a blasé British Prime Minister John Russell about his Irish policies.

member of this village to survive. If you had food and I didn't, it was my right to ask, and you could not refuse it. That system functioned for centuries among Irish rural people to carry them through temporary bad times.

During the famine the scale of the need was simply so vast that it was impossible for the system to function. And when a system like that collapses, there's a great deal of anger and blame and guilt. Let's say I'm a farmer who had to choose whether to give food to my laborers and their families or to hold it for

my own family in the fear that I won't have enough. If I decide to hold on to the food and if some of those people die, I carry not just the ordinary guilt that any of us might feel at having allowed someone to starve, but the added guilt of having violated the tradition and the ethical code of the community.

In the 20 or 30 years after the famine it would be very explosive for anyone to reopen those issues. In Ireland, long before the famine, families carried with them the achievements and the mistakes of their ancestors. Even a generation or

two down the road, a family that had behaved badly during the famine would have that cloud over it.

I think that is one of the reasons the nationalist response was so successful. For example, here we are in a small community in which we all know one another and have lived together for generations, and you know my family did not hold up its end of the bargain during the famine. Along comes John Mitchell and says, "Oh, no. It's not Kevin O'Neill who's at fault. It's Lord John Russell and the British who are responsible. They manufactured this situation precisely to crack us and to destroy our society." So now I can focus on John Russell and say, "He's the cause of this."

Harris: Thereby supplying an explanation that doesn't involve deep guilt on your part.

O'Neill: Yes. And additionally giving me something to do about it. I think that's really important. I can sit here and say, "Oh, I did wrong. I did wrong. I should have fed my laborers." But that doesn't get me very far. If, however, someone knocks on my door and says, "Will you join this movement, or will you give us £10 for dynamite to get even?" then I can say yes. I'll do that even if it hurts.

So at the same time that the sense of community is dwindling, the sense of the political is growing.

O'Neill: Yes. This was the period when Ireland moved from being a traditional peasant world to being a modern society. Local loyalties, local communities were destroyed, and they were replaced by larger national ideas and creations.

Can you talk about the impact of the surge of Irish immigrants on the United States?

O'Neill: One of the things that has always struck me as very odd is that the famine happened at exactly the right time for the United States and for those Irish people who were fortunate enough to get here in one piece. By the mid-19th century the United States was just beginning the construction of an urban industrial environment. There was a tremendous need for hard, physical, brute labor. No one was using a lot of technology to build those cities and canals, and the Irish technique for canal work became a trope of American life in the 1850s.

In Ireland male laborers had perfected a system of spadework. They had also perfected the use of migrant labor and gang labor—the word *gang* actually comes out of the Irish word for fore-

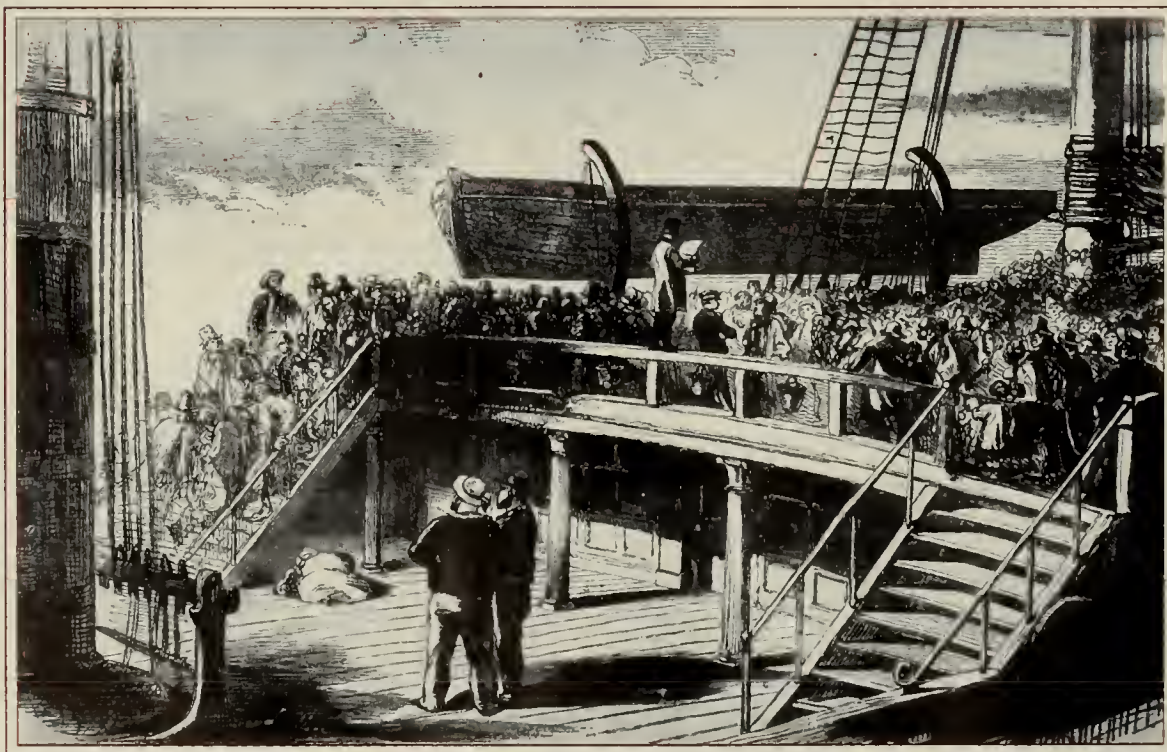
man, *ganger*. The Irish had already developed mechanisms for a large number of men to work closely with spades. And, of course, that's exactly what the canals in this country required—men who could work extremely closely without banging each other on the head or causing the ditch to cave in. The Irish were very, very well organized to do that.

Later came the Irish railroad worker, bricklayer and factory worker. Lowell, Massachusetts, is a perfect model. It was the famine Irish who flooded into the Yankee town of Lowell and transformed it into the vibrant immigrant community it has been ever since.

Harris: I think we need to emphasize that the poorest or most destitute people were not the ones who left Ireland. Many families made strategic decisions to send certain sons and certain daughters to America, with the obligation that they would send money home. So the families chose carefully; they sent the most skilled. Now, when I say skilled, I don't mean skill in 20th-century terms; I mean people such as blacksmiths and masons.

But when he got to the United States, what kind of a job could a blacksmith get? He was going to be working on the railroad usually, which meant splitting from his family, if he had one. I've edited a series of volumes of personal ads of persons who were being sought through the *Boston Pilot* newspaper, which had a national distribution then. The ads are dramatic in the way they show Irish people searching for missing relatives and friends. About 65 percent of them are siblings searching for one another. About 90 percent of the ads mention a family relationship.

It's evident to me from looking through those ads that often the Irish suffered a distinct loss of prestige coming here. You came to America from a community where you had a respected occupation, and you got here, and working on the railroad was hard. It was the pits. The exploitative nature of the 19th-century U.S. society and economy must have been a great blow to people who expected great opportunities. What they really found here was a great freedom to starve.



Roll call on an Irish emigrant ship, from the *Illustrated London News*. Many of the two million who emigrated were skilled laborers, but when they reached Boston, New York and Philadelphia, they found much less prestigious work laying railroad ties and digging canals.

O'Neill: I think that the fragmentation you just described has something to do with Irish nationalism, too. Families were split up, with the men living in railroad camps or mining camps out West, on their own. Their only family was the artificial one they constructed among themselves based on their ethnicity. So ethnicity became really important. For many of these men, it may have been the first time they actually thought of themselves as Irish. Because in Ireland they thought of themselves as Cork men or Galway men. But when they ran into a bunch of Swedes out in Chicago, they suddenly became very aware that they were Irish.

Did the system succeed in bringing families to the United States intact?

O'Neill: The system of chain migration didn't always work; it was fraught with the potential for things to go wrong. But it did become the norm—not just for families but for whole neighborhoods. It worked like this: I come out, I send money for my sister, and I also send back lots of information for all the neighbors and all the cousins. I tell them that West Roxbury is a good neighborhood because there are lots of Irish, that there's lots of work, that this is the place to come. So not only will my sister come, but she might bring a friend who comes bankrolled by her own family. And my sister and her friend will come to my house because, when they get off the boat, that's the place they can sleep. I will try to find them work through my contacts, my boss, my neighbor or whomever. Once these routes are established, they have a momentum of their own.

Harris: Then you've got a culture that will reinforce community claims. It's a culture in which people tell stories constantly. Basic to almost everything we've talked about is the importance of stories in Irish culture. I think this is very, very important. Because you wouldn't want to be shamed by not having carried through on your promise—the story will be told.

O'Neill: One of the most common stories is of people from some tiny village in

Ireland meeting each other in Chicago. The reason that story is so common is that it reinforces, on both sides of the Atlantic, the notion that if you're *of* this village, you're always *in* this village.

I have only one story of my grandfather's coming over to this country, but it's special to me because I heard it from him as a child. And I never really thought about it again until eight years ago when I met my Irish relations and my cousin told me the same story. A few details were different, but it was clear that the story had been carried back to Ireland and repeated over and over.

My grandfather was the third of three brothers to come over to the United States and settle in the Connecticut River Valley in the factories there. When my grandfather arrived, he had trouble finding his mates. He thought it would be easy, you know—just go to New Haven and ask for Tom O'Neill, and you'll find him. It wasn't that simple. He was walking up and down the streets of New Haven trying to figure out how he would find his brother. It happened that there was a family who had lived beside the O'Neills in Kilkenny by the name of Wall. As my grandfather was walking down the streets of New Haven on a sweltering summer day in 1912, he saw a man coming toward him with a wagon load of ice. It was Tom Wall, his neighbor from back home. So Tom Wall said to him, "Well, it's wonderful you're here. We have to celebrate." There was a saloon right there. The two men went in to have a beer to celebrate my grandfather's arrival in America.

Of course, one thing led to another, and they had more than one beer, and when they came out, the ice had completely melted and there was water running down the street. Tom lost his job, but all the people back in Kilkenny thought this was the most wonderful story. It confirmed that men from this village will always be the same. You can put them on the big streets of America, but, thank God, they're not going to be corrupted. They'll always stop and have cheer with their neighbors. ●



Ruth-Ann Harris

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The case of the champion who fell

**From the annals of Boston Marathon history, a tale of the BC man
and local favorite who didn't make it past Cleveland Circle.**

**Was it chloroform? Strychnine? A Canadian plot against our hero?
Or were the ugliest rumors (gasp!) true?**

BY GEORGE SULLIVAN

PATRIOTS' DAY 1901 WAS A PERFECT DAY FOR A marathon, with crisp air and overcast skies. As front-runner Jack Caffery, a native of Hamilton, Ontario, pounded down the Newton hills, about four miles from the finish line, he was followed by a moving gallery on bicycles and horseback, in motorcars and wagons. Spectators lined the roadway by the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, and police and Massachusetts state militiamen struggled to control the crowd.

Betting was brisk that day. In the 38-man field, defending champion Caffery was favored to win—the odds on him were even money—but he had serious competition in a 26-year-old Boston College student named Ronald J. MacDonald. MacDonald, like Caffery, was Canadian-born (MacDonald hailed from Antigonish, Nova Scotia), but he

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had lived in Cambridge a decade, long enough for Bostonians to call him their own.

Ronnie J., as MacDonald was popularly known, had won the second Boston Marathon in 1898—his first long-distance race—with a finish that had left spectators and sportswriters dumbfounded. Trailing the leaders by nearly three miles at midrace, MacDonald had surged into high gear on the Newton hills—the most brutal stretch of the race—and had mowed down his opponents, one by one, at a clip that “appeared suicidal,” the *Boston Daily Globe* reported. He had broken the world best for the distance, cutting 13 minutes off the previous race’s time.

In 1901, when MacDonald approached the reservoir just 500 yards behind Caffrey, the lead was well within his reach. It was by the Lawrence farm, on the spot that is now home to Boston College, that MacDonald turned to his brothers, Alex and Dan, who were following in their wagon. He signaled for water, slowing to a walk. One of the brothers reached forward with a sponge, and a man in the blue uniform of a state militiaman passed it on, soaking it with the contents of his canteen before handing it to MacDonald. The soldier had introduced himself at the race’s start, saying he would follow on bicycle to help. So it was without hesitation that MacDonald took the sponge, jammed it into his mouth and sucked it dry. Then he rubbed the sponge across his forehead before picking up speed once more.

MacDonald reported later that almost immediately after drinking from the sponge, he felt a burning sensation in his mouth and throat. He was nearly doubled over with stomach cramps by the time he reached Cleveland Circle, where mounted policemen were parting crowds 20 rows deep for the runners to squeeze through. There MacDonald’s physician, John S. Thompson, was waiting; he gave MacDonald two strychnine pills to revive him. MacDonald asked how far he trailed Caffrey and seemed brightened by Thompson’s estimate, confidently assuring the physician of victory. That’s the last thing MacDonald would re-

member. After gulping down the pills, he collapsed, unconscious, and his brothers carted him home across the Charles River.

The headline on the front page of the next morning’s *Globe* read “Ronald McDonald [sic] Collapses After Plucky Race—Ugly Rumors as to Cause.”

The Boston Athletic Association’s turn-of-the-century road race was a far cry from today’s marathon, which will draw some 25,000 runners from around the globe to compete in its 100th running this Patriots’ Day. To begin the first race in 1897, Tom Burke had scratched a line with his boot across the dirt road by Metcalf’s Mill in Ashland Village. “That’s the starting line, gents,” he’d told the 18 entrants. “Step right up.”

By the second race, the start was more sophisticated. With 25 men running this time, Burke used a stout stick to etch the line for the starters to toe. The attending militiamen hopped aboard their bikes, and what the *Boston Herald* described as “an immense crowd” hummed with anticipation. “In a firm, clear voice,” the *Globe* reported, “the starter shouted, ‘Get ready, set, go!’” and fired a pistol, which startled several horses.

The sun poked through as if on cue, and defending champion John J. McDermott of New York City and the other runners bolted down the road. Behind them an almost-comical collection of soldiers and pack followers rolled along, hollering encouragement to their favorites. “Dust rose in a thick cloud until runners and bicycle riders resembled [flour] millers,” writes historian Tom Derderian, quoting a news account in his 1994 history, *Boston Marathon*.

As the pack unraveled, Ronald MacDonald hung back, letting others expend their energy and saving himself for a late rush. He caught the crowd’s attention, though, with his distinctive attire; he disdained the heavy boots and clinging toreador-like pants runners had worn in the first marathon. Instead, he wore lighter bicycle shoes, a white shirt inscribed with the Cambridgeport Gymnasium emblem, and knee-length shorts—black trunks with bright-blue trim.

MacDonald began making his move between Wellesley and Newton Lower Falls, about halfway through the then-24-and-a-half-mile course. “He was noticed to apparently awake out of a stupor, throw his head back and start running in an altogether different style,” the *Globe* reported. The race took on a “fearful pace,” the *Globe* said, as MacDonald passed his opponents, one after an-

other, on Newton's killer hills. Ignoring an aching knee and a biting east wind, he closed in on the two leaders while pounding downhill toward the Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

MacDonald surged into Cleveland Circle and charged up Beacon Street, challenging one of the front-runners, Hamilton Gray, as they passed Coolidge Corner. "It was whispered among those accompanying McDonald [sic] that he had suddenly gone daft," the *Globe* reported.

With a burst, MacDonald caught McDermott, the tiring New York cross-country champion, at Kent Street, and the pair raced shoulder to shoulder for about 50 yards before Ronnie J. pulled away and into Kenmore Square. He sped up Commonwealth across Massachusetts Avenue, the intersection where in 1897 McDermott had run into—and through—a funeral procession, stalling two electric cars, disrupting the cortege and angering mourners.

MacDonald turned onto Exeter Street, and at the corner of Boylston a crowd in front of the Boston Athletic Association's headquarters "gave a mighty shout," the *Herald* said. He angled across Huntington Avenue toward Irvington Oval, the stadium that then stood on the southeast corner of Copley Square. The 1897 and 1898 races were the only marathons to finish at the oval, where the BAA's annual outdoor Athletic Games were in progress. The action halted as the first runner entered the stadium and, Olympic fashion, dramatically legged the final 220 yards around the cinder track.

The crowd roared when MacDonald, eight pounds lighter than when he started, burst through the oval's gate alone, and he took his victory lap to a swelling crescendo. Having completed the course in two hours and 42 minutes, MacDonald broke the red worsted tape before exhausted runner-up Hamilton Gray had even entered the stadium. A pack of boys hoisted MacDonald to their shoulders to the delight of the crowd, who saluted the first local boy to win the Boston Marathon.

The next day Ronald MacDonald's name was set in bold headlines—although misspelled—and his pen-and-ink likeness was portrayed on page one of Boston's newspapers. "NO GREEK HIS EQUAL," cheered the *Herald*, lauding MacDonald for running "a beautiful race throughout" and for a "plucky win." Under the banner "McDONALD'S WONDERFUL RUN," the *Globe* proclaimed him "the champion Marathon road racer of the world" for recording "the fastest time ever made by a human being."

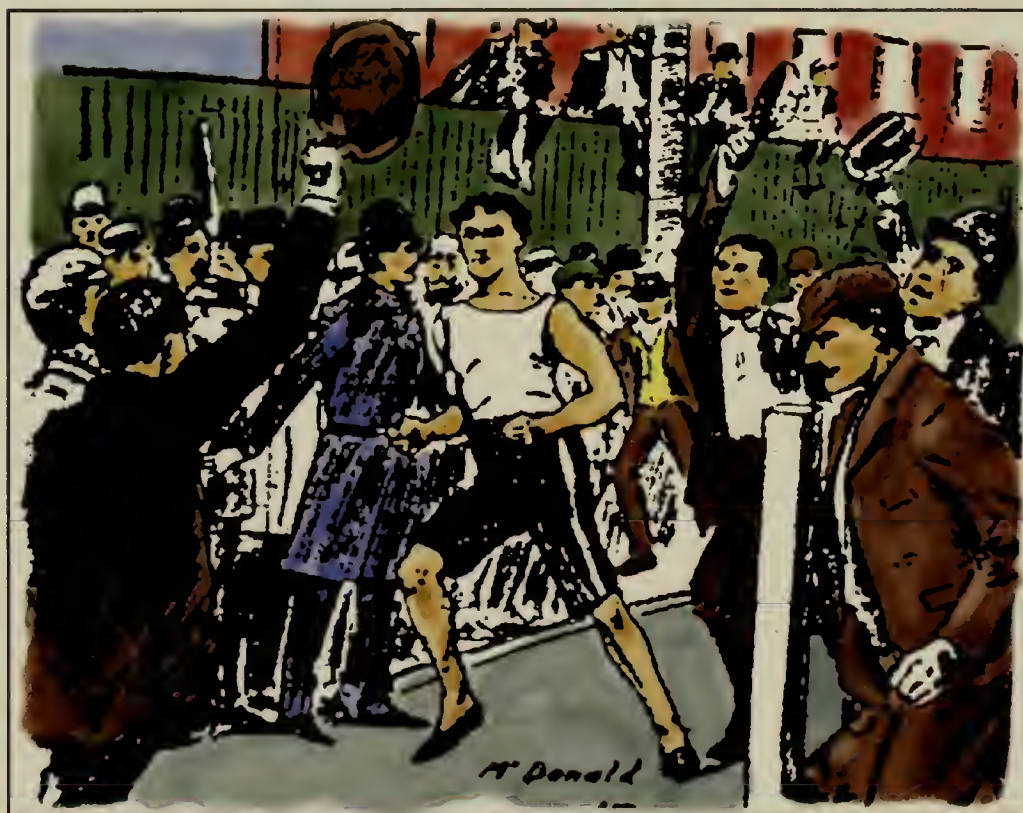
"Not only did the winner smash records," the

Globe said, but "he did it with such evident ease that the veterans who watched him at the finish were amazed to see such endurance and speed in one man." The *Globe* noted that, fired by MacDonald's pace, all four of the top 1898 finishers had bettered McDermott's 1897 record. Of MacDonald's clever use of bicycle shoes, the paper marveled, "His feet were in excellent shape, not a cut or abrasion being evident."

MacDonald even made the pages of the *New York Times*, which informed its readers of the record performance by Ray J. McDonald—getting the middle initial right, anyway.

A few nights later, the *Cambridge Chronicle* reported, Ronald John MacDonald collected his rewards at a "rousing reception," as friends and neighbors packed the Cambridgeport Gym, a block from Central Square. MacDonald's coach, John Bowler, presented the marathon prize, a large silver shield mounted on polished oak, inscribed with the BAA emblem and the winner's name. Fr. Thomas Scully, the bearded pastor of St. Mary's Parish, expressed pride in the runner who had brought world-championship honor to his parish and presented MacDonald with what the *Chronicle* described as an elegant \$135 gold watch.

MacDonald reportedly received a scholarship to Boston College that night, a gift that would have come to \$30 a year—for that was the cost of tuition to BC's 220 male students, not counting the \$1



In 1898 Ronald MacDonald won over the press with his record Boston Marathon time—2:42—and his attire, knee-length shorts and bicycle shoes.



With his chief competition literally knocked out, favorite Jock Coffrey headed for the 1901 finish line.

annual fee for library and athletics.

It is unclear exactly when Ronald MacDonald enrolled at BC's old campus on James Street in the South End. School records are incomplete, and his name doesn't appear on class rosters until 1899, the year after his marathon victory, which supports the scholarship story. But MacDonald may have begun classes earlier, perhaps at BC Prep, before advancing to special-student status at the College, studying part-time while working as a lineman for New England Telegraph and Telephone.

In any case, MacDonald and Boston College were a good fit, in part because of the school's then-ambitious track program. The sport had been a fixture at BC since 1885, with the Athletic Association holding annual intramural meets at the nearby South End Grounds, then home to the Boston Nationals, the baseball team that is now the Atlanta Braves. BC runners had begun competing in intercollegiate events in 1893, featuring nationally celebrated sprinter Bernie Wefers, who was also the captain of the Maroon and Gold football team. In 1895 the school inaugurated the Boston College Open, a meet that drew college, military and amateur competitors and each year filled the spacious Mechanics Building on Huntington Avenue with spectators.

By 1899 the name R.J. MacDonald had begun

showing up in BC track summaries, both indoor and outdoor—including a reported sweep of the mile and two-mile runs during a BC-Holy Cross meet.

Then in 1900 MacDonald went off to France to compete in the Paris Olympics. There he met up with Ted Grant, a former Harvard star miler and friend since the two had trained together on Harvard's track years earlier. Rivals in the 1898 Boston Marathon, the friends now vied again over the same distance at Paris, where in 102-degree heat they crossed the finish line hand in hand to tie for sixth place. For the rest of MacDonald's life, however, he insisted they had placed at least third. He said they'd been robbed of an Olympic medal by cheaters who took shortcuts or got lifts during the loosely organized competition.

MacDonald returned to the United States for fall classes in what records indicate was his final year at BC. The previous year students had been elated by word that the College planned to build a track and a baseball field on a lot off Massachusetts Avenue, but they returned to learn that the president, W.G. Read Mullan, SJ, had canceled the project. It would cost \$15,000, Mullan said—money BC could not raise.

The following spring, when Ronald MacDonald awakened five hours after being carried off the course of the 1901 Boston Marathon, it was to a far greater scandal than his claims of cheating runners in Paris. Dr. Thompson said MacDonald had been chloroformed, and Thompson pointed a finger at overzealous gamblers. Although most early marathons attracted heavy wagers, the 1901 contest saw more than usual. Not only did it match two champions, but national pride was an issue and there was said to be bad blood between American and Canadian fans. Caffery had brought along a large and boisterous Canadian entourage, and MacDonald was unquestionably viewed as the local favorite.

"Several hours after MacDonald reached home, I could plainly detect traces of chloroform in the sponge," Thompson told a *Globe* reporter. Asked if he thought the anesthetic had been given intentionally, the doctor replied, "It couldn't well have been an accident when there was so much money up on the race."

MacDonald agreed, offering more details a day later, when he was well enough to meet the press at his home. He told reporters that he was sure he'd been drugged. "Just previous to the start of the race," MacDonald explained, a man in a

militiaman's uniform had introduced himself as the runner's assigned assistant. He "said he would meet me on the course," MacDonald recalled. "I said, 'All right, go ahead.' I was in fine physical condition, occasioned by two months of rigid training, and felt I would have no need of any assistance, so confident was I of winning.

"Everything went as it should until I struck the hill about a quarter mile from the reservoir," MacDonald said. "I had not seen the soldier since the time I had left him at the hotel [in Ashland], but all of a sudden he appeared." After the militiaman had soaked the sponge from the canteen, MacDonald said, something curious occurred. "Whether it was intentional or not, the canteen tipped over, and the remainder of the fluid flowed out on the road," MacDonald said. "The soldier immediately went ahead to refill the canteen, and I do not remember seeing him after that."

Something else had aroused MacDonald's suspicions: "When I put the sponge to my mouth, I noticed a strong pungent odor but, thinking it was brandy, supposed everything was all right," he said. "But almost immediately my mouth and throat began to burn terribly, and I was attacked with violent cramps."

MacDonald's coach, John Bowler, disagreed. He suggested that the strychnine had backfired, causing the collapse. MacDonald dismissed that idea, holding that Dr. Thompson may have saved his life. Without the heart stimulation, the runner claimed, he might never have awakened from his stupor. "I am positive that the drug was given to me on that sponge," he insisted. "That's my version of the affair, and here I am—the victim of one of the most despicable deeds on record."

Not everyone saw MacDonald as a victim though. Cynics accused his handlers of creating the whole incident to defuse the wrath of those who had bet on the "pride of Boston College." Among MacDonald's most vocal critics was Henry Holton, a member of the Boston Athletic Association. Floyd Williston, a Canadian-marathon historian in Winnipeg, Manitoba, who has followed the MacDonald story over the years, recounts Holton's view: "A Boston medical examiner dismissed the notion that chloroform could have knocked MacDonald unconscious as he claimed, and the BAA seemed embarrassed that a Bostonian would try to peddle such an outlandish alibi." Holton "called MacDonald a crybaby and accused him of concocting a story without foundation," Williston says. Holton claimed that MacDonald was trying to save face before the legions of American bet-

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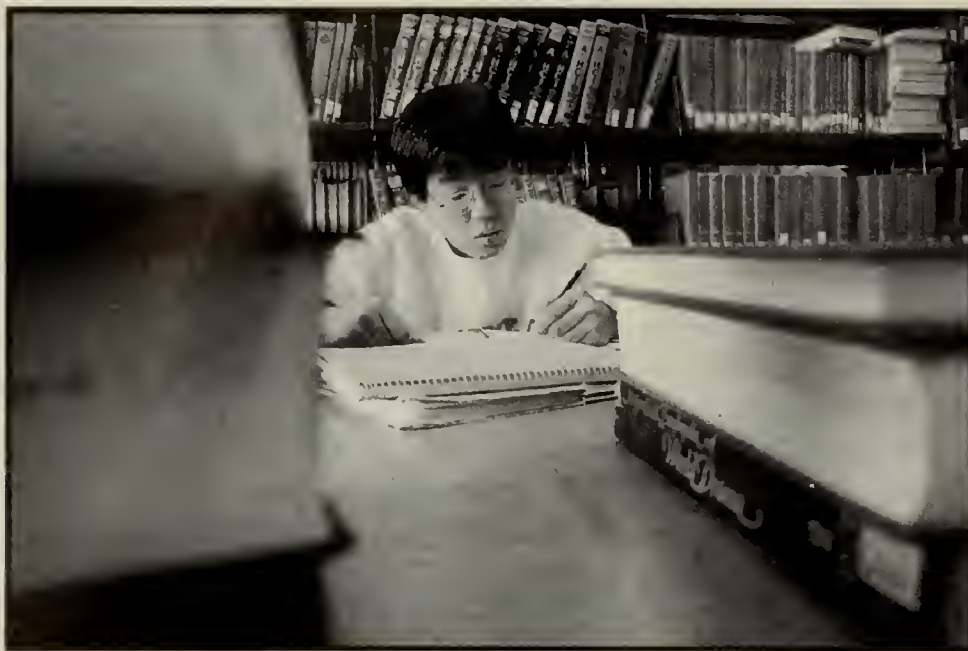
The controversy flared in the Boston newspapers for a few days as intrigue mounted. But BAA officials, eager to avoid a scandal that would tarnish their marathon's budding reputation, happily let the matter drop unresolved.

MacDonald returned to his native Antigonish and began taking premedical courses at St. Francis Xavier University there the following fall. A few years later he came back to Massachusetts to enroll at Tufts Medical School, where he graduated in 1907. He studied at Harvard for a year, then at age 34 headed back north. Williston says a Canadian bishop persuaded MacDonald to help combat an epidemic that was plaguing a remote community on the coast of Newfoundland. MacDonald stayed there 30 years, working as a family physician and, with his wife, Ada, raising five children. His brother Alex stayed in Massachusetts, selling automobiles in Watertown and keeping Ronald abreast of the marathon's growth by sending bundles of newspapers north.

On the eve of the 1930 race Ronald MacDonald wrote the *Globe* to say that winning the race had launched his medical career. "This I am sure would never have been accomplished had I not won the marathon race," he wrote. A marathon victory "should be a great tonic to a boy," he wrote, "a tonic to urge him on to greater things in life."

On the 40th anniversary of his victory, Ronnie J. returned to Boston and, with his brother Alex, drove the race route one final time. Nine years later, just a few weeks before his 73rd birthday, Ronald MacDonald suffered a stroke and died. The identity of the mysterious canteen-bearing militiaman was never discovered, nor was the truth of MacDonald's 1901 collapse ever conclusively told. "If MacDonald knew the full story," Floyd Williston says, "he took it with him to his grave."

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Cramming

The agony and the luxury

BY CLARE M. DUNSFORD

Asked whether Bapst Library is always as quiet as it is on this wintry Sunday in December, the woman behind the information desk answers yes and adds, "It's almost medieval here." When I smile, she warms to the topic: "We get the *real* students here—the ones who *want* to study."

Personally, I would be happy to stay here forever, wrapped in the plush silence the way a book's pages are embraced by its cover. The chairs are cushioned, the atmosphere exalted, the soulfulness of study visible even when its decorum is not—tables strewn with neon-yellow and hot-pink markers, scholars wearing sweat pants and baseball caps.

Why do we study, the real students and the pseudostudents? On the handful of days last De-

cember that were officially called study days, the answer seemed particularly complex. The reality of study days is that they are not truly for study, if by study one means the freely chosen intellectual pursuit suggested by the word's etymology—from the Latin *studere*, to be eager. Rather these are days to cram for exams and to sop up the work that didn't get finished or never got started in the study nights of the regular semester.

At BC, learning is an expensive commodity, driven by external rewards and punishments (grades), structured by required courses, and reified with the certification of a degree. At times there seems precious little space within this model for spontaneous, uninterrupted study. Overheard in conversation outside the O'Neill Computing Fa-

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cility, two upperclassmen discuss Virginia Woolf, James Joyce and Henry James. Hearing the thesis of a paper the man is writing, the woman recommends that he read James' *The Awkward Age* and starts to suggest other works that bear on his topic. "No, please don't," he pleads, in a tone of mock desperation.

Inside the Computing Facility, on day two of study days, students fill almost all of the 152 computer stations, pecking in unison at the gentle keys, creating a whispery gabble evocative of the scratching of quills. To one stalled in writer's block, this writing sotto voce sounds suspiciously like a conspiratorial chuckling. In fact, a fair number of the terminals are used by groups of two or three students, who are actually conspiring—writing in collaboration, testifying to a recent trend in education.

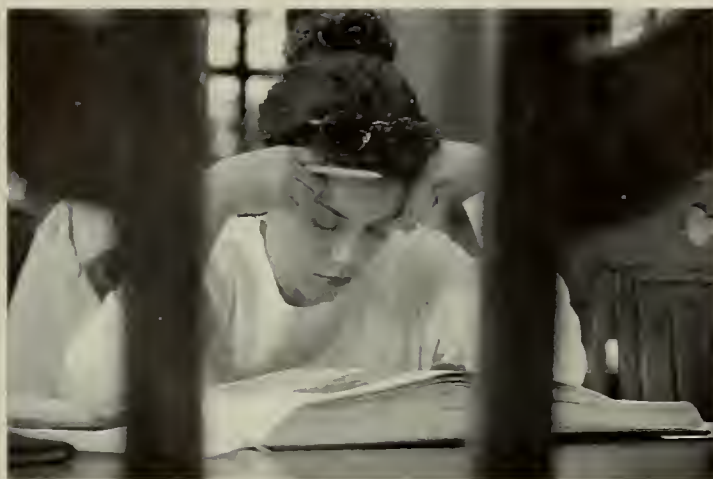
Upstairs at the library's reference terminals, two students sit side by side. Looking at a sheet of questions, evidently a take-home exam, one asks the other, "What does this mean: 'an analysis of a real-life situation?'" Her question brings to mind the stereotype of the out-of-touch scholar, at home among abstractions but bewildered by the mention of reality. The perception of conflict between the ivory tower and real life has been with us since monks cloistered themselves from the world, devoting their lives to preserving manuscripts through the Dark Ages of Europe. It blossomed in later centuries into the picture of the dotty bachelor burning the midnight oil with no idea of what it cost. And the idea survived in the early 20th-century absentminded professor—traditionally he was male, too—who wore mismatched socks and bumbled his way through life.

In a way, study, true study, is an economic and social luxury, requiring as it does time, freedom from interruption, an absorption in what is intangible. The very concept of study days is one that many a worker in the real world might envy. But ask the students themselves in these four days of crammed work, each with one eye on the clock and another on a desk littered with notes, books and chilling coffee, and they will tell you that this is as real as life gets.

Driven by pressure from without, with limited control of their efforts' outcome (the burden of tuition debt combined with an uncertain job market), today's college students are modern workers par excellence. Thus, the modern university can, without irony, provide its students, as part of the package paid for by their tuition, stress-reduction workshops to cope with the rigors of exam period. Offered by BC's Health Services, the workshops

teach yoga and breathing to remind students of the mind-body connection and, in the words of the workshop leader, advocate a “gentleness with yourself.” A more traditional option to prefinals anxiety is suggested by a flyer spotted in Walsh Hall during study days: “Advent/Pre-Christmas Mass—9 p.m., 8th Floor Lounge—Let’s pray together as we prepare for the days and weeks ahead.”

In truth, the scholar’s life has always had its hardships: poverty, isolation, strained vision, underworked muscles, the sacrifice of material pleasures, silence. To compensate, the rewards had to be equally compelling: a rich inner experience, mental fellowship, a supple brain and, yes, silence, resonance with the mind’s own music. Given this double-edged gift—a study day—where else would you rather be, really, than in the top-floor lounge of Walsh Hall on a quiet Sunday afternoon, high above it all? There, in a clean-swept room you are together with your fellow students, yet set apart, sitting in boxlike wooden chairs dropped at skewed angles on a wide, open flatland of carpet, each of you lost in the mountains of the mind. If you do choose to look up, windows on all sides offer a breathtaking view on this clear, icy day. To the



north, green trolleys come and go along Commonwealth Avenue, offering the world’s perennial temptation to the restless scholar. Nearby, at the end of the trolley line, stands St. Ignatius Church, symbol of the Church’s role as the repository of early learning, here echoed in the Gothic towers of Bapst and Gasson halls, which now glisten in the westering sun. And to the south lies the perfect symmetry of headstones on the snowy grass of Evergreen Cemetery. An airplane rises diagonally across the pale-blue sky, but its roar is inaudible in the stillness of this room. For these few days all journeys can wait. ●





ADVANCEMENT

SECRET ADMIRER

A quiet man leaves BC its largest-ever bequest simply because he wanted to do the right thing



McCarthy—true philanthropist

The largest bequest in Boston College history—some \$950,000—has come not from a graduate, former trustee or long-time friend of the University, but from a man who never graduated from college, who had not set foot on the campus in many decades and who for most of his life had no interest in the institution.

Born in 1902, Eugene Joseph McCarthy began his work life in the stockroom of the A.G. Walton Company, a shoe factory in Chelsea, Massachusetts. In Horatio Alger fashion, McCarthy rose to sole ownership of A.G. Walton, which, under his direction, became one of the most successful U.S. shoe manufacturers. After

selling the company at age 49, McCarthy, who never married, lived in a modest, mostly retiring manner, building a \$22-million fortune through investments.

In the early 1960s McCarthy began to make moderate donations to BC, influenced by a friend, James F. McDonough '35. Persuading McCarthy to make those annual gifts was "a matter of his having information about the college," said McDonough, who at the time was chairman of BC's Special Gifts Committee.

The regular gifts continued but characteristically without fanfare. "Joe was generous with many charities but never sought recognition," McDonough said.

McCarthy was an old-school model of propriety. Once, while recovering in the hospital from a minor stroke, he insisted on donning a suit and tie to visit a friend on the same ward, McDonough recalled. A similar propriety attended the preparation of McCarthy's will; the 16 charities named, including the Archdiocese of Boston and the Jesuits' New England Province, were entirely unaware of his largesse.

"He was a philanthropist in the true sense of the word," said McDonough. "He may have lacked a formal higher education, but in a certain very profound sense, he was one of the most educated men I have ever known." ●

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Some 175 members of the Fides Society and President's Circle struggled through a rush-hour snowstorm November 29 to attend the inaugural Fides Business Breakfast Forum at Boston's Hotel Meridien. "Some drove two-and-a-half hours to get there," said Boston College Fund Director David Vigneron, adding that about 300 people had registered for the breakfast—some from as far away as California and Florida. "For the first time in my memory," Vigneron said, "we had calls afterward from people apologizing that they could not make it."

The featured speaker had something to do with the strong turnout: University Trustee Peter S. Lynch '65, former Magellan Fund guru and one of Wall Street's most influential financial minds, offered those who braved the storm a concise overview of economic and investment trends; then he took questions from the floor.

Organizers said the event was designed to meet a need

among Fides members for more opportunities to meet one another. The annual breakfast meeting should also widen the appeal of Fides, which includes all BC supporters who donate \$1,000 to \$4,999 annually, and Young Fides, which includes recent graduates who donate \$1,000 over two years.

The strong response indicates that the forums will be successful, predicted Fides Chairman and BC Trustee Patrick Carney '70. "It provided a great atmosphere for networking, and this is an important aspect of Fides membership."

Fides member Jennifer Lynch '77, a partner with the accounting firm Kingston-Dwight Associates, agreed. "It's an opportunity to renew business contacts with fellow alumni, an opportunity that most BC people don't get enough of," she said. "It's one event that takes place in a business setting instead of a sports setting."



NIGHTS TO REMEMBER

In the save-the-date department: the ninth annual Wall Street Tribute Dinner in New York City, which last year raised more than \$1 million for Presidential Scholarships, is scheduled for April 18. The fourth annual Pops on the Heights concert, which has generated about \$1 million each year for financial aid, will be held on September 27, Parent's Weekend. For details on the Wall Street dinner, call the BC New York City office at (212) 753-8442. Stay tuned for Pops on the Heights ticket information.

CARD GAME

Last year's business-card raffle is back, but with a twist—prizes to appeal to non-sports fans. This year alumni who update their records will have a chance to win a BC chair, a BC watch or two tickets to the November 9 football game against Notre Dame. To participate in the mid-August drawing, send your business card by July 31 to: Office of Development, Information Services, More Hall 220, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167.

IN TRIBUTE

The following are among named endowed funds recently established at Boston College. New funds may be established and contributions to existing funds made through the Office of Development, More Hall.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Joseph E. Gleason Jr. '70 Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Rathmann Family Foundation Scholarship and Loan Forgiveness Fund

The Celine A. Finn '61 Scholarship Fund*

The Marie B. and James McDanaugh '35 Endowed Scholarship Fund*

*Established through the Deferred Giving Program



A DORM BY ANY OTHER NAME

The University christened the dormitories at 70 St. Thomas More Drive and 80 Commonwealth Avenue last December, renaming them Joseph and Mae Vanderslice Hall and Gabelli Hall, respectively. Top photo: BC Trustee Associate Thomas A. Vanderslice '53, (second from right) and his wife, Margaret, join University President J. Donald Monan, SJ, and Trustee Chairman Geoffrey C. Baisi '69, around a plaque honoring Vanderslice's parents. Bottom photo: Celebrating the ribbon cutting at Gabelli Hall are (from left) Mary Mazzala; her brother, BC parent Mario Gabelli; Fr. Monan; Gabelli's sons, Marc '90, Michael and Matthew '94; and Baisi.



SPORTS

Amazing grace

**In repose Danya Abrams '97, looks like a tank: 6'7" and 261 pounds.
Then you see him move**

BY JOHN OMBELETS

In high school Danya Abrams was what basketball coaches call a "project." By age 17 he tipped the scales at 305 pounds. Still, a childhood perfecting back-to-the-basket moves and a hefty dose of talent enabled Abrams to succeed on the court. Playing center in 11th grade, he averaged 27 points and 10 rebounds per game. But those numbers didn't impress most college basketball recruiters; when they came calling at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York, they looked at the 6'7" tank and saw a football player.

All but BC's Dave Spiller.

When the assistant basketball coach caught sight of Abrams, he saw a potential star. "Danya had a very good feel for how to play the game and how to utilize his body around the basket," Spiller recalls. "He had a soft shot and sure hands and a good work ethic. The more I saw him, the more I liked him."

Abrams' off-the-court character appealed to Spiller, too. Abrams had grown up in a low-income housing project in Greenburgh, New York, where he was raised by his uncle after his father died. Drugs and gangs were ubiquitous, but Abrams resisted, and senior year he was named Greenburgh's Role Model of the Year for his work with neighborhood youth.

With Spiller as point man, BC was the only Big East team to pursue Abrams aggressively. To a teenager who hadn't thought about college until he was nearly out of high school, that early and un-

wavering interest from a high-profile academic and athletic institution was persuasive. So Abrams accepted BC's offer and arrived in September 1993. When asked about incoming players that fall, Head Coach Jim O'Brien was typically low key. "We have a big freshman from New York," he told *BCM*. "If he loses weight, he can be a good player."

Danya Abrams has gone on to make Dave Spiller and Jim O'Brien look like the sages of college recruiting. Sports-writers now earnestly compare Abrams to the agile, wide-bodied Charles Barkley, once the top power forward in pro basketball, the man whose portliness earned him the sobriquet, Round Mound of Rebound.

Abrams' reputation for grace was hard won, though. Playing power forward his freshman year at BC, he was the grinder on a team of finesse players, a Chevy pickup mixing it up with the Porsches. BC reached the quarterfinals in the NCAA tournament that year, and it was Abrams, throwing his weight around and hauling in rebounds, who freed up center Bill Curley to score the big points. Abrams' occasional offensive contributions—he averaged 10 points a game—were a bonus.

Sophomore year, though, he shed his blue-collar image, taking on the role of scorer and de facto team leader. He was among the top 25 in the nation in scoring, bringing in more than 22 points a game against opponents who had the luxury of knowing that Number 24 was BC's lone

offensive threat. It was, Coach O'Brien says, a display of grace under pressure.

Abrams demurs, viewing his role as a privilege. "A lot of power forwards would dream of taking the most shots on the team. My confidence was so high last year, I wanted the ball. I knew I was either going to the foul line, or I was going to score the basket."

Although Abrams performed well, he wasn't satisfied. There were still too many nights when he couldn't make the play; too many times, for example, when he would try to drive through the lane, only to lose control of the ball on the dribble. So last summer he laid off the junk food and worked out. Down to 261 pounds now, he's added four-and-a-half inches to his vertical leap. For the first time ever he can dunk the ball.

Abrams' success is partly due to his ability to picture himself succeeding. That is not as simple as it sounds. Before he transferred to the Hackley School in 11th grade, he says, "I wasn't thinking about going to college. I just wanted to graduate from high school. But midway through my junior year, I started noticing myself academically, noticing that the books were coming easier. So I said to myself: I might as well do the best I can do, and see what [scholarship] offers I can get."

That initial jolt of success awakened in Abrams the beginnings of a philosophy that has served him well on the basketball court. He explains, "You can't

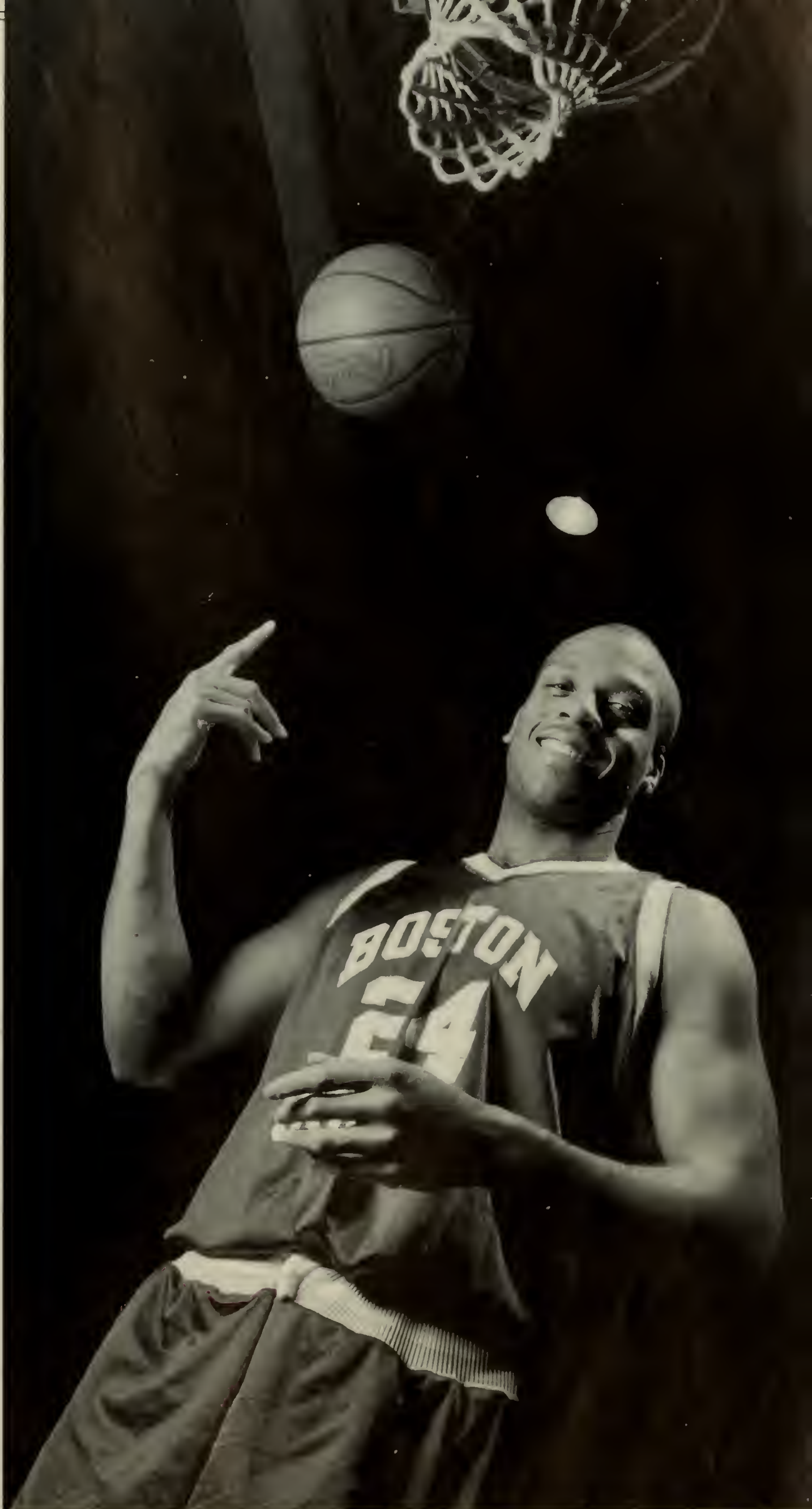
just dream about accomplishing something; you have to want it to come true. You have to set the goals to get you there, and then you have to go after those goals."

Midway through the first half of the Boston College–Louisville game last November, Conte Forum fairly vibrates with the crowd's energy—partly because the Eagles have been leading the nation's 18th-ranked team from the opening jump and partly because they've managed very nicely without much scoring help from their star forward.

But now BC sets up its offense, with Abrams roaming the foul circle. He catches a pass and cradles the ball in both hands, eyeing the defense and balancing high on his widespread feet. A wave of shouts, whistles and clapping builds in the crowd. Suddenly Abrams drives through the lane, dribbling and spinning 180 degrees past two flailing defenders, then, as if depositing a precious egg on a high shelf, he softly lays the ball off the glass. As it spins neatly back through the rim, the stands erupt. Two points—two *more* points—for the light-footed Danya Abrams. ●

"You know," Abrams says, "some colleges were interested in me as a football player, but I chose basketball. Football, you huddle, beat each other up, huddle, beat each other up. But basketball—there's an art to the game."

GARY GILBERT





Q & A

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Unkept promise

THE FATE OF 81 VALEDICTORIANS

For 14 years Assistant Professor of Education Karen Arnold has been tracking a group of Illinois high-school valedictorians. America's best students too often fail to realize their leadership potential, she says, and what hinders them is not poor training but insufficient guidance and mentoring. Her book *Lives of Promise* (Jossey-Bass) was published this fall. An interview by senior writer John Ombelets.

The valedictorians you describe in your book don't seem to be brilliant intellectuals as much as smart kids who worked harder than their classmates. What does that say about the way the school system metes out rewards?

The people we studied are clearly very bright, but the overwhelming majority of them were not and are not intellectuals. Valedictorians generally are not the maverick geniuses who change the world; mavericks are frequently uncomfortable with school and sometimes in conflict with it. By definition, geniuses are highly unusual. You are really asking whether we should be gearing our teaching to the geniuses, and I don't think we should. We gear our teaching toward students who willingly engage in what we say school is about—hard work, persistence, paying attention to teachers, paying attention to subjects regardless of their level of interest. Those are old-fashioned virtues that we want to reward, and my study shows that valedictorians carry those virtues into their adult lives.

What do the students themselves have to say about that system? Did they think that was the way things should be?

When we asked them that question directly, they were 18 and coming out of high school, and most of them didn't have many quarrels with the system. At the same time we heard over and over, "I'm not necessarily the smartest person in my school; I just know how to get good grades." They saw themselves as willing to succeed at school when other equally bright people were not.

The word *valedictorian* conjures up an image of an upper-middle-class suburban white kid bound for the Ivy League. But that does not at all describe the 81 young people in your sample, does it?

Actually, very few of those kids came from a privileged background. Demo-

graphically, they are a real mix: 46 women, 35 men; from inner-city Chicago and farming communities, small towns, and suburbs. There are five African Americans, three Latinas and one Asian American. Fifteen of the 81 graduated from rural high schools. A number were the first in their family to attend college, and overall only a handful entered prestigious universities. The majority come from the middle class, and overwhelmingly they came from well-functioning, two-parent families.

Your study showed that the ability to get top grades in high school was a solid predictor of college success. However, that ability by itself did not correlate with career success, did it?

That's true, and that gets to one of our key findings. Something that eminent people and valedictorians have in common is that their outcomes are determined largely by the way they channel their abilities and by the guides and mentors who help them connect their abilities with real-world issues. For instance, a study of Nobel laureates found that they earned their doctorates at a select group of universities and that, while in school, a disproportionate number of them had had Nobel winners as mentors.

The same is true of valedictorians. Few fulfill their potential without help. That begins with guidance in choosing a college and understanding the options available for financial aid, for a major, for a career. All 15 of the rural valedictorians we studied attended college in Illinois. With the right guidance, they might have gone to more challenging and prestigious universities outside the state.

Next comes the task of translating academic achievement into career achievement. Lots of the valedictorians were left to their own devices in college. They continued to get A's because they knew how to do that, but they couldn't always translate that ability into high aspirations and career goals. To set ambitious goals, students need sponsorship: mentoring, an introduction to career options, recognition and support.

Setting ambitious career goals was particularly difficult for the women in your study. How did that trend emerge?

We didn't set out to study gender differences, but something unexpected came out: we routinely asked students every couple of years how smart they thought they were compared with others their age. Between senior year of high school and sophomore year of college, the women's self-assessment took a sharp dive. This happened regardless of the fact that the women were getting fabulous grades—better, on average, than the men. We wondered what on earth was happening. Then we found women changing their college majors for no academic reason. They moved away from high-powered technical fields toward more traditionally female occupations, and they began planning to combine career and family in ways that precluded full-time continuous work. That made them aspire to and achieve less than the men did.

Did the women recognize why they had done this?

We asked them, "If everything were the same except your gender, what would change?" They said over and over, "I wouldn't have to worry about how to fit children into a time-consuming career, I would feel freer to go into a different field." Mostly the replies centered on the career-and-family conflict. The women weren't particularly angry about it. They just said, "Well, this is the way it is. If I were a man, I'd go full steam ahead on my career, but I'm not." Meanwhile, the men weren't worried about combining career and family at all, even though they all planned to have families.

Can schools help women overcome those limitations?

We found that if women are exposed to high-level professional settings in a meaningful way during college, they can envision themselves in those settings. They see that they can succeed, they see people like them who are further along in life, and their aspirations rise.

Take, for instance, a young woman

who gets straight A's in math and science and enjoys those subjects but still wants to have a family. She may be unsure where her talents point careerwise. Maybe she sees that they point toward a career as a nuclear physicist, but she's vague about how to get there. Now put that student in a social context in which she's discouraged from being a nuclear physicist. You can see that it would be more normal than not to step off the career track. That's what happened to a number of the women valedictorians.

What was different about the women who stayed on the career track?

Marilyn is a good example. She was raised on a farm, she loved animals, and she did an excellent job in school. The only thing she knew to do with that combination of skills and interests was to be a veterinarian, but her father told her women weren't veterinarians. Her guidance counselor told her the University of Illinois would be too competitive.

Marilyn enrolled in a small college, and when she started getting A's, one of her professors advised her to transfer to the University of Illinois. There, lo and behold, her teachers started paying attention to her. One of them asked, "What master's degree programs are you thinking of?" Marilyn hadn't been thinking of graduate programs at all, but once faculty singled her out and involved her in their research, she began to see herself as a researcher. She went through a master's program and thought she would stop and work awhile, but a classmate asked where she was going for her doctorate. Marilyn's professors networked and got her an assistantship with a top person at an institution outside her home state. So she went for her doctorate.

At each stage people recognized what Marilyn was doing and expected things of her that she would not have expected of herself. At a certain point you have to fly, and she's done exactly that. She's been all over the country—her latest postdoctoral position was in South Dakota—and she wants to make a contribution and become known in her field. She's already doing that. On the other

hand, she's not particularly focused on marriage and children.

Working-class and minority students encountered some of the same obstacles women did—for instance, Jonas, an African-American student, never finished college. Was that because of a lack of role models?

Absolutely. Jonas is an incredibly talented guy who had no concept of what he could do with college. He had some interests, but they were blocked because he never connected with faculty or professionals in his intended field; he had no idea how to turn his interests into a career.

Jonas' story raises the question of what constitutes success. He called me the other day; he'd just gotten his copy of my book, and he was pleased. I thought: How could he be so excited? His is a really sad story. But he is happy and he feels he's very successful. He has a stable marriage, kids and a good job; it's nonprofessional, but he's working his way up to management. He doesn't see why he needs college, which is part of the problem. You can't aspire to something you can't envision.

Fulfillment of potential doesn't happen automatically, particularly for women, people of color and first-generation college students.

Some of the valedictorians who have achieved conventional success are the least happy with their lives. Why?

They are victims of their own success—particularly some of the men. Unlike the women, the men just pressed ahead with what they had started. Several have ended up where they anticipated and now feel trapped. Some lack the problem-solving skills to get themselves out of that box. Here again, the lack of mentors comes in. These people would like to change, but they don't know how, and they don't have anyone to show them how.

To pick a career, you need to be free to move around and explore var-

ious options. But the people in our study graduated from high school in the early 1980s, when the economy was tight. Interest in business careers was through the ceiling. Remember, most of these students did not come from privilege, so they weren't going to college to discover themselves; they wanted college to lead to a job. Plus, lots of universities require that you enter a technical major, such as engineering or chemistry, as a freshman. These students were under pressure to decide at age 17 what they wanted to be when they grew up. So they did, and they did well whether or not they liked their field.

Not many in this group have achieved eminence in their fields. What's the missing ingredient?

They're only 32 years old, so there's a good chance that one or two might yet become eminent, and the most likely candidates are those who followed their passions. That meant pursuing liberal-arts majors in college, not expecting to find a narrow, direct relationship between their undergraduate major and their eventual career. The students who did this knew that they would put off preparing for careers until graduate school. One is a chemist, and another is a social activist. A poet in the group has some potential for eminence, and a couple of mathematicians do, too. Ten years after college these men and women are still putting passion into their work, and they are defining their work creatively.

Students' greatest chance for career success lies in finding and implementing their passion. It's very difficult to achieve extraordinary success in something that's just a duty, even if you're doing it very well.

But being able to focus on your passion in college is a luxury that not everyone can afford equally. The students who were able to focus on their passions were primarily from the upper middle class—the sons and daughters of professionals. Those kids *knew* they would have good careers. Kids like Jonas didn't.

What role did the parents play in their kids' achievement?

The parents didn't necessarily push their kids to be first, but they did push them to persist, to work hard and to do their best. I don't think anyone ought to push a child, but I do think imparting values that lead a child to choose to compete at that level is good. If we were placing bets, I'd say a student who works hard is more likely to achieve later success and happiness than a quirky genius is.

What is the primary lesson to be learned from your study?

That even talented or gifted people need guidance from mentors, and that this is particularly true for women and economically disadvantaged students. My study shows that it often doesn't matter how academically talented you are; you are still sorted into the same race, class and gender categories from which you arose. Students who are already at a disadvantage because of their race or gender or economic background need mentors and other role models to break through those barriers. Too often that help is not there, so society is losing a lot of talent and brain power.

Ideally this mentoring should come from college faculty, which is a problem as colleges focus more on research and less on personal attention to students. That change in focus comes at a cost. So my advice to all students is to be aggressive: do research as an undergraduate, get an internship, seek professionally related summer jobs, use your faculty advisor to connect to networks, and become savvy about graduate school.

I want this group to achieve as highly as possible in the public sphere for the sake of the greater good. The measure of success for our top students should be leadership. The valedictorians can be the leaders of our mainstream institutions, and we need them for that. They're going to be partners in law firms and chief physicians in hospitals and executive officers in business, and they're going to bring their solid, old-fashioned virtues to those institutions. ●

Talkin' 'bout his generation

PUBLISHER
DREW MASSEY '92

In the three-and-a-half years since Drew Massey graduated from BC, he has pulled off the print equivalent of a magic act. Out of thin air, with no cash reserves and no track record, the 25-year-old Fort Collins, Colorado, native dreamed up a magazine and propelled it all the way to the browser's rack. The premier issue of *P.O.V.* (for point of view), aimed at professionals in their twenties, sold 150,000 copies last spring, carrying \$250,000 worth of advertising. The second issue did just as well.

Massey says the impetus for *P.O.V.* hit while he was leafing through men's magazines. "There wasn't a magazine out there for guys like me and my friends," he says. He envisioned *P.O.V.* readers as his old BC gang writ large— young people dressed in "khakis and a button-down shirt, all trying to get a decent job and get ahead."

Then Massey went hunting for cash. Counting loans from friends and associates and some seed money from the publishers of *Worth* magazine, he assembled \$500,000. He hired an editor, 27-year-old Randall Lane from *Forbes*, and the game was on.

Massey is passionate about the generation reflected in *P.O.V.*'s slick, jumpy, bristling-with-attitude pages. "Our company name, B.Y.O.B., for Be Your Own Boss, says a lot. It's about taking control of your own destiny. For my friends and me, being the king vulture at the top of the corporate pyramid is not the goal. We want more time for the 'living large' part of our lives. We want more balanced lives."

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